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## Portfolio

There were three winners in yesterday's Times Portfolio competition. Mr A. Chambers of London, Mr Michael Wood of London and Mr Alex Brook of Surrey, each receive £1,533. Portfolio list, page 20; how to play, information service, back page.

## Tory MPs drop steel mill protest

Tory MPs who had joined opposition members to try to prevent the closure of the Gartoch steel finishing mill in Strathclyde have been accused of bad faith after withdrawing support for an appeal for a reprieve.

## 'No' to reforms

The European Parliament rejected the reforms agreed at last week's EEC summit but, to avert an immediate crisis, reserved its final position for further talks.

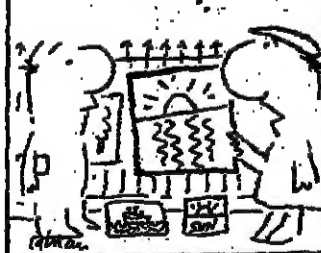
## C & W success

The £933 million sale of Cable and Wireless shares was a success, despite the falling stock market. Shares reserved for the public and employees were twice oversubscribed, attracting more than 200,000 applications. The basis of allocation will be announced today.

## Child toll

The NSPCC says that the number of children who die from child abuse and neglect has been underestimated and is in fact three or four a week.

I KNOW IT'S NOT A CANALETTO - BUT THEN IT'S NOT £500,000...



**Canaletto sale**  
A painting thought by its owners to be a Canaletto, and sold for a record £528,000.

## DIY training

Managers in industry should train themselves to use modern technology, rather than expect their companies to train them, says Don Yeates, of Thorn EMI Datasolve, in an introduction to today's eight-page General Appointments section.

## SPECIAL REPORT

The Chest, Heart and Stroke Association's fight against stroke illness is highlighted today in the 100th report *The Times* has produced this year.

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## RUC code of conduct to reassure Catholics

From Richard Ford, Belfast

A new code of conduct for the Royal Ulster Constabulary is to be the first visible result of the joint Anglo-Irish ministerial conference, whose initial meeting yesterday led to the injury of 38 police officers when "Loyalist" protests erupted into violence and lynchmobile walkouts from Protestant-dominated areas.

After almost eight hours of talks at Stormont Castle, which was guarded by hundreds of police, and surrounded by newly-erected rolls of barbed wire, the conference agreed that the Armed Forces, including the Ulster Defence Regiment and RUC, must not only discharge their duties even-handedly between the two communities, but be seen to be doing so.

Sir John Hermon, Chief Constable of the RUC, indicated that he had been considering the introduction of a code of conduct, and, in consultation with the police authority, would introduce one as soon as possible next year.

The conference meeting in Belfast also set up a working party of officials to consider machinery to discuss legal matters, including the administration of justice, and was told that security on the southern side of the border had been increased.

Extra manpower and support facilities had been devoted to border areas with the Irish Republic, task force supplementing local police officers as a "precautionary measure" to provide increased reassurance.

With the joint Ministerial conference due to meet again early next year, the evidence that both governments are determined to produce results, particularly in the sensitive area of security, is likely to further encourage Unionists, who throughout yesterday could only protest outside the castle and at the headquarters of the conference's secretariat in Maryfield, County Down.

Their anger was increased last night by the fourth terrorist attack on an RUC station in less than a week. A mortar exploded at Tynan station, near the

Armagh-Monaghan border, injured four officers, and seriously damaged the building. One of the RUC was later said to be seriously injured.

Yesterday's historic meeting took place after a night of intense activity by the security forces in the grounds of Stormont during which troops erected the fencing around the castle where Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, greeted Mr Peter Barry, Minister for Foreign Affairs in the Republic, the joint chairman of the meeting.

At daybreak hundreds of armed members of the security force were on duty in the grounds - and at Maryfield where police and their grey Land-Rovers guarded entrances to thwart any attempt by Loyalists to storm either building.



Mr Tom King (right), Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, welcomes Mr Peter Barry, Minister of Foreign Affairs, to Stormont Castle

## Hailsham's fears on crumbling morality

By Anthony Bevins Political Correspondent

Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, said last night that the bottom seemed to have dropped out of morality.

In a speech to the Carlton Club he said that the sum in violent crime had made "the last few months particularly difficult to bear", and he cited cases of rape and riot as evidence of a crumbling morality, which threatened freedom and law.

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He said he was particularly concerned about two main types of violent crime: horrifying offences against women and little children, and riots which appeared primarily designed "as a direct attack on the very structure of society".

Lord Hailsham said: "I speak of... one little girl of four apparently raped and thrown into a ditch to drown with her hands tied behind her back, another little girl left to die of starvation and without water in a blocked up room, two more strangled and another put into a wardrobe drawer, apparently because she was crying."

"It must mean something to us at every level of public life that the bottom seems to have dropped out of morality."

He said he agreed with Mr Norman Tebbit in believing "that this sort of thing goes far deeper than mere questions of policing, penal treatment or sentencing policy, and cannot be either justified or explained by talking of urban deprivation or unemployment."

Lord Hailsham earlier criticised "our extremely popular, venerable, and highly respected colleague, Lord Stockton" for "talking nonsense" when he had used the analogy of selling silver for the Government's privatisation programme.

He said it was a false analogy because when a family sold its silver, it lost the use of it. "As a nation," he said, "we do not lose these assets when they are sold. They continue here to provide their services or products."

At last two other retail chains have told the TUC they have joined the boycott, but have asked that no publicity be given to their action. Congress House officials are confident that more large companies will follow suit if there is a tide of public opinion in this country against the South African regime.

Although no precise figures were available last night, the most recent additions to the

boycott movement would normally place orders worth tens of millions of pounds with South Africa. Much of the business done by the non-clothing companies is in fresh fruit, wines and vegetables.

Littlewoods Stores said last night the decision to join the boycott, taken by senior management, was because the company did not agree with the "South African apartheid regime". British Home Stores said that in the past it had stocked only a "small quantity" of South African goods, but that had been phased out over a period of years. Both companies said their decisions had not been taken as a result of customer pressure.

## Chain stores join boycott of goods from South Africa

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

Several large retail chains, including Littlewoods and British Home Stores, have joined the boycott of goods from South Africa in protest at the apartheid regime and in future will not stock South African goods in their stores.

Other companies refusing to sell goods from South Africa include the Argos, Harris Queensway and Next chains. The announcement of the latest additions to the boycott list was made yesterday by the TUC.

Mr Norman Willis, the TUC's General Secretary, wrote to the top 50 retail companies urging them to stop selling goods and produce from South Africa as a protest against apartheid. Sainsbury and Tesco supermarket chains have already announced they intend to reduce the sale of South African goods.

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## Philippines opposition chiefs unite

Manila (Reuters) - Philippine opposition leaders patched up their differences last night and said they agreed that Mrs Corason Aquino, widow of the murdered opposition leader Benigno Aquino, should run against President Marcos in February's elections.

Mrs Aquino and a former senator, Mr Salvador Laurel, announced their agreement only hours after President Marcos was nominated formally as candidate for his new Society Movement and chose a former Foreign Minister, Mr Arturo Tolentino, as his running mate.

The opposition leaders said Mr Laurel would be the vice-presidential candidate.

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did so, according to both his own account and that of an independent witness, Mr Howell was thrown to the ground, spat upon, kicked and punched.

Several European MEPs and visitors saw the incident and Mr Howell's assailants were pulled off by Mr Bary Seal, a Labour MEP from West Yorkshire.

Mr Howell said he had complained to the president of the Parliament, and that the frock coated Assembly ushers had failed to intervene.

He described the Labour MEPs as cowards who had resorted to "punch-up politics".

The European Parliament, after recovering from shock, continued with its debate on EEC reforms and the 1986 budget, as if nothing had happened. But, as one parliamentary official said, Strasbourg debates may never be quite the same again.

## Staff fraud admitted by JMB

By Richard Thompson Banking Correspondent

Johnson Matthey Bankers yesterday admitted that members of its staff had been involved in fraud with Nigeria before the bank's near collapse last year with losses of £248 million. JMB has been the subject of allegations of fraud for several months.

The bank said that it had "identified certain transactions by a few customers, apparently undertaken in some cases with the knowledge of the bank, designed to circumvent Nigerian exchange control."

Mr David Walker, chairman of JMB and an executive director of the Bank of England, said that the Nigerian fraud appeared to have been perpetrated by a number of related Asian customers of JMB. "We are not aware of a conspiracy, but we do not know."

Mr Walker declined to give the extent of the fraud but said it did not form a substantial part of the £70 million pretax losses reported yesterday by JMB for the 15 months to June 30.

JMB still has around £100 million in loans to clients trading with Nigeria. But Mr Walker said that he was confident these clients were not involved in fraud and that full provisions against losses had been made in JMB's accounts.

Mr Walker said that, although the exchange control frauds were not a crime in this country, related misdeemeanours, such as forged documents, would be. All allegations of fraud were being taken seriously and JMB was helping police in their investigations.

He denied, however, that Bank of England officials had been involved in misdeemeanours since taking over JMB last year.

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## Thatcher concern over Lloyd's

By Anthony Bevins Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister was said last night to be deeply concerned about the "environment" in which the Lloyd's insurance market is now operating.

But government sources were strongly critical of yesterday's "unhelpful" report in *The Times* identifying senior ministers as the possible victims of syndicates which may be touched by scandal.

Mr John Wakeham, the Government Chief Whip, who was a 1981 member of four Lloyd's syndicates managed by agents named in a Commons motion by Mr Brian Sedgmore on Tuesday, said yesterday: "If there has been any impropriety by management of any Lloyd's syndicates, I and the other names in Lloyd's are likely to suffer rather than gain from any such impropriety."

Meanwhile, Mr Sedgmore, the Labour MP who is leading a Commons campaign for stricter control of the City, yesterday wrote to the Prime Minister asking for the resignation from Lloyd's of Mr Michael Howard, the Parliamentary Under-Secretary at the Department of Trade and Industry, who is to steer the Financial Services Bill through the Commons early next year.

The Government has so far resisted all-party pressure to include Lloyd's in the legislation, preferring to rely upon self-regulation.

Mr Sedgmore told Mrs Thatcher that according to his Lloyd's list and the Commons Register of Members' Interests, Mr Howard was a member of five syndicates.

He said: "I would have thought that there was a clear conflict of interest here and that Michael Howard should, if he has not already done so, resign from these syndicates pending the passage of the Bill through Parliament."

A spokesman for the Department of Trade and Industry last night issued a statement from Mr Howard, in which he said: "Insofar as my continuing membership gives me any interest in an issue which is the subject of effective protection for the names, who are the only people who have suffered losses as a result of irregularities at Lloyd's. No policyholders have suffered any loss at all."

Nevertheless, a number of Conservative MPs yesterday expressed surprise that Mr Howard should remain a member of Lloyd's while maintaining direct responsibility for the Financial Services Bill, which is to be published next week.

Mr Sedgmore also told Mrs Thatcher that there had been a "number of encouraging events" recently concerning the scandals at Lloyd's.

"The Fraud Investigation Group has beefed up its enquiries. And Mr Ian Hay

## Pound under more pressure

By David Young and David Smith

Oil prices and the pound had another hectic day yesterday in the wake of the weekend meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

North Sea Brent crude, the main crude oil traded on the spot markets of Europe, swung between \$21.80 and \$26 a barrel as a result of Opec abandoning its price and quota system.

The pound was down 2.63 cents against the dollar at one point, but recovered from a low of \$1.4107 in London to \$1.4217 in New York.

The fall in world oil prices which started on Monday when Opec effectively abandoned its price and quota system in an effort to force non-Opec producers to consider co-operating in output restraint, continued with spot trading in Europe being suspended for a short period until oil traders analysed the situation.

Last night traders in Europe and New York were predicting a levelling out of oil prices later this week at about the \$25 a barrel mark with predictions that several of the 90 or so spot market dealers would face severe losses by the end of this week.

Mr Marck Rich, among the most colourful of the operators in the spot market, paid over \$26 a barrel for North Sea Brent crude, leading to suggestions that the worst of the price slump may be over.

However, it will be several days before the leading oil companies can calculate if the fall in crude prices will lead to a fall in petrol prices for motorists.

A spokesman for one of the leading companies said: "If our crude oil costs fall then the price of petrol will fall, but so far the fall in the value of the pound against the dollar has cancelled out any price advantage."

The pound fell as the price of oil tumbled on world markets. In London it dropped 2.63 cents to close at \$1.4107 against the dollar, and fire plunges to DM3.5991 against the mark. The sterling index fell 1.0 to 77.9.

In the last two days, the pound has fallen more than five cents against the dollar and 10 pence against the mark.

The pound held steady in the morning at about the previous night's levels. However, there was a spate of pound sales when the American markets opened. Last night in New York, however, the pound steadied slightly, rising above \$1.4200. Mr Carmine Rotondo, chief foreign exchange dealer with Manufacturers Hanover Trust in New York, said: "We think of the pound as very soft. The price of oil in the spot markets has shown the biggest decrease for five or six years. I



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# Sex attacker ordered to compensate victims with part of car crash award

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Christopher Meah, the sex attacker who won £45,750 damages for car crash head injuries which turned him into a rapist, was ordered by a High Court judge yesterday to give up part of the sum to compensate his victims.

Mr Justice Woolf, who made the original award to Meah last year, rejected the rapist's claim that the £17,500 he awarded on Tuesday to the two women who suffered horrific sexual ordeal should be paid by an insurance company.

In rare defence of a judicial decision the judge answered criticisms from MPs and women's groups that the amount he awarded to the two women was "misery" compared with that he awarded to Meah.

It was not true, Mr Justice Woolf said, that Meah's award was excessive. But for his injuries, he would not have consequently been sentenced to life imprisonment for his crimes. The sentence made it unlikely that he would see his money for a very long time, if ever.

The Lord Chancellor, Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone also issued a letter in response to criticisms by Mr Jack Ashley, MP for Stoke-on-Trent South that the awards to the two women victims, was compared with that to Meah, a "judicial

scandal" and brought the judiciary "into disrepute".

"There is no way in which you can turn the Lord Chancellor into a substitute for the Court of Appeal", Lord Hailsham said.

He added that in any case where High Court judges were concerned, jurisdiction on such matters was not for the Lord Chancellor but for Parliament as a whole.

Meah, a cab driver of East London, was awarded his damages last year when the judge ruled that a personality change suffered in a car crash had unleashed underlying tendencies and reduced his inhibitions to an extent that he committed "monstrous" crimes.

The rape victim Miss D, who was trussed "like a chicken" and stabbed, was awarded £10,480 and the other woman, who underwent a degrading five-hour sexual ordeal, was awarded £7,080.

Referring to his assessment of damages for Meah, the judge said it was important to remember that "although he was a young man who, prior to the accident, had his faults, he would not have committed these attacks but for the injuries he suffered".

Meah's award was also defended yesterday by his solicitor and the consultant who gave evidence on his behalf at the time of his claim. His solicitor, Mr Martin Westwood, said in a statement that comparisons were "misleading".

The court had had regard "to all the consequences to him after the accident including orthopaedic injuries to his legs, facial injuries, permanent brain damage (he was in a coma for four weeks), epilepsy and a personality change".

Dr William Gooddy, the neurologist, said Meah's award had been a fair one based purely on the medical evidence as to his head injury. As a man who received a very serious injury in 1978, he was entitled to that award like anyone else.

The case has also focused debate on the level of awards paid by the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board. Mr Michael Ogden, QC, chairman, said the two women had received far lower awards from the board because its rules prevented it from awarding "aggravated" damages above the level appropriate for the injury itself as Mr Justice Woolf had done in this case.

Miss Harriet Harman, Labour MP for Peckham, called for a change in the law to protect the anonymity of rape victims in civil as well as criminal courts.

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## Idle school grounds 'a scandal'

By Philip Webster  
Political Reporter

Sports grounds and other facilities in state schools and colleges will be available for greater use by the public out-of-hours, under an initiative being prepared by Mr Richard Tracey, the Minister of Sport.

Mr Tracey told the Commons select committee on the environment last night that it was unacceptable facilities should be idle for long periods. It was nothing short of scandalous that the taxpayer and the taxpayer had contributed to the facilities and they were not in full use.

Mr Tracey has already arranged talks with ministers in the Department of Education and Science to talk about his plans, and seems certain to face some resistance.

Sir Hugh Rossi, chairman of the committee, told Mr Tracey that the education department had already given a "defensive" reply to extending use of school facilities.

He said that local education authorities liked working closely with headmasters, who might be reluctant to have their facilities thrown open.

But Mr Tracey said that in many authorities obstacles, including the hostility of headmasters, had been overcome.

He suggested the appointment, as had already occurred in some authorities, of "advisory" officers responsible for ensuring the most efficient use of sports facilities.

## Lords appeal opens on pit strike killers

The House of Lords yesterday began hearing an appeal which will decide whether murder convictions and life sentences should be reinstated against two South Wales miners who killed David Wilkie, a taxi driver, during the pit strike.

They pushed a concrete block onto Mr Wilkie's car as he drove a miner to work during the pit strike.

On October 31 the Court of Appeal substituted manslaughter convictions, with eight-year jail terms, against Reginald Dean Hancock, aged 22, of Rhymney Ridge, Rhymney, Mid-Glamorgan and Russell Shankland, aged 21, of Menest Street, Rhymney.

Mr Martin Thomas, QC, for the Crown, opening the appeal told the Law Lords that directions given by Mr Justice Mann, the trial judge, to the jury, which found the two men guilty of murder, had been clear and succinct.

The Court of Appeal had held that Mr Justice Mann was unwittingly misled by guidelines issued recently by the House of Lords.

Mr Gareth Williams, QC, for Hancock, said that the jury had found great difficulty in reaching a verdict. Much time had since been occupied arguing. These factors showed that the Crown's submission that there was no possibility of the jury being misled must be wrong.

The hearing continues today.

● The National Coal Board yesterday defended its decision to dismiss Anthony Williams, a miner, for "gross industrial misconduct" although a jury had found him not guilty of murdering Mr Wilkie (Tim Jones writes).

At an industrial Tribunal in Cardiff Mr Williams, aged 28, is claiming he was unfairly dismissed.

## Union attacks docks bid

By Our Defence Correspondent

Senior managers at the Royal Dockyard at Devonport who are planning to bid for the contract to run the dockyard when private management is introduced in 1987 were yesterday called on to resign.

The managers, led by Mr David Johnston, the managing director, announced their intention on Monday. Yesterday the Ministry of Defence Council of Civil Service Unions, which claims to represent all white

collar staff at the Devonport dockyard, said the managers' plan created a conflict of interest.

The managers would be dealing with interested commercial companies as possible bidders for the dockyard contract, while themselves being bidders. If they pursued the bid, they should resign their positions immediately to protect the integrity of the public service.

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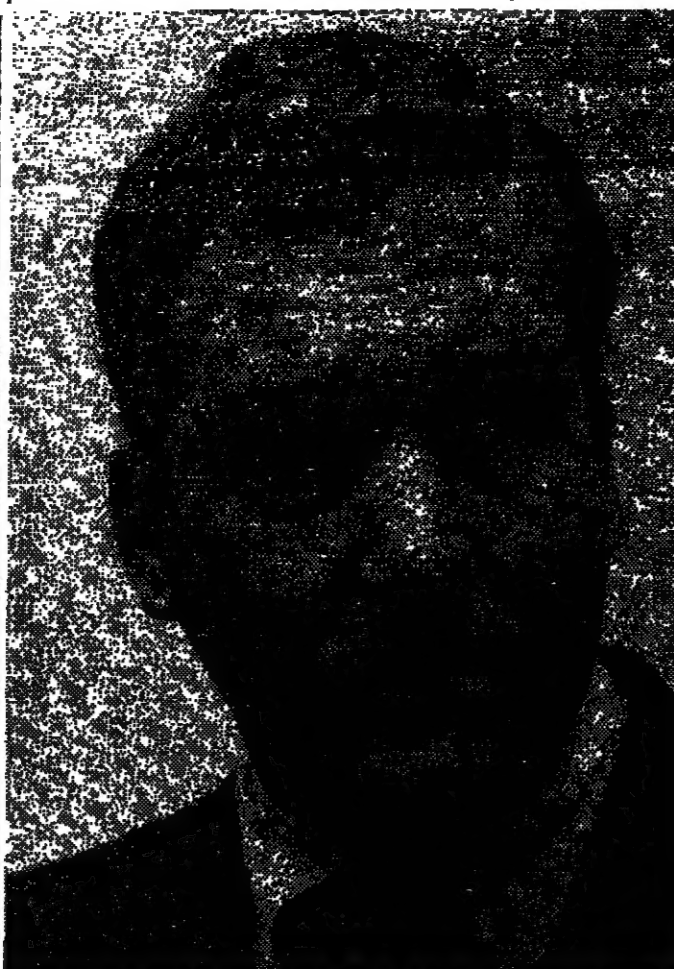
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Mr Conrad Black (left), who is to be the new proprietor of the Daily Telegraph, and Lord Hartwell, whose family holding will be reduced to a minority.

## Public row in private medicine

By Nicholas Timmins  
Social Services Correspondent

Britain's biggest private health insurers and American Medical International, the largest private health care provider in the UK, yesterday fell out publicly over claims that commercial operators such as AMI are pushing up the cost of private medical care and threatening its future.

In a remarkable public row, Mr John Cassels, AMI's director of marketing, accused the British United Provident Association (Bupa) of "attempting to blame the health care providers for the mismanagement of health insurance".

But Private Patients Plan, Britain's biggest health insurer, backed Bupa's claims that AMI's expansion has inflated the cost of private treatment.

The exchanges follow an attack by Mr Bob Graham, chief executive of Bupa, who said that the pursuit of profit in private health care was in danger of "killing the goose which lays the golden eggs".

The rising cost of private care, driven by the desire for a return on investment, was "the biggest threat".

But Mr Gene Burleson, chief executive of AMI, which has about 1300 private beds, said "Bupa and the other providers' associations are seeking to blame falsely the independent hospital groups for their increasing insurance premiums".

While Bupa claimed private medical inflation was running at 15 per cent, he said, AMI's charges rose by only 5 to 8 per cent last July.

Bupa itself ran private hospitals for profit, AMI said.

But while Bupa declined to comment further, Mr Roy Forman, managing director of PPP said: "If AMI would divulge their price increase over the past three years, that would speak for itself."

An independent National Land Trust empowered to receive land in lieu of inheritance taxes and let it to young, first-time farmers is proposed in a policy document published yesterday by the Social Democratic Party.

The document is the first comprehensive statement on agriculture and the countryside issued by the party since its inception and is intended to counter criticism that, in spite of evidence of strong support in many rural areas, it has so far failed to come up with a policy for farming.

A spokesman for North West Herefordshire health authority said that Mr Leontiev, who is occupying a £70 a day bed in Hemel Hempstead general hospital should be removed by arrangement with French officials within the next

few days whether he "regains consciousness or not. Officials are certain he is feigning unconsciousness."

French consular officials have tried to interview Mr Leontiev, but his repatriation is not a certainty. A spokesman for the French Embassy in London said: "We are not planning to do anything about the case at the moment. He is under French asylum but doesn't have French nationality. There is no suggestion that the money found on him was stolen."

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## Judges to reconsider right of audience

A collegiate body of 105 High Court and Court of Appeal judges is expected to meet to discuss whether changes are needed to allow solicitors to appear in their courts, after a test ruling by the Master of the Rolls yesterday.

A case was brought by Mr Cyril Smith, Liberal MP for Rochdale, to challenge the Bar's monopoly of audience rights in higher courts. Giving judgment, Sir John Donaldson said that barristers' rights of audience were not exclusive. Nor did they constitute any obstacle to extending the audience rights of solicitors.

The judges, as a group, had power to decide who should appear before them and he had no doubt that the two bodies of Court and Appeal and High Court judges would consider if any changes were necessary in the public interest and that of the "efficient and effective administration of justice".

But Sir John strongly hinted there should be no big changes. In a vigorous defence of the status quo and the present restrictive practices he said there was a public interest "in ensuring that the size of the group of permitted advocates is not unduly large".

The public interest required that the courts should be able to "have absolute trust in the advocates who appear before them", he said.

The conduct of litigation in terms of presenting the arguments in a concise and logical form, deploying and testing the evidence and examining the

relevant law demanded "professional skills of a high order". Failure to display those skills would "inevitably extend the time needed to reach a decision", thus affecting other litigants waiting to have disputes settled by the courts, and would add to the costs. In extreme case it could lead to a court reaching a wrong decision.

Those high standards of skill and probity "are not capable of being maintained without peer leadership pressures, and appropriate disciplinary systems" and the difficulty of maintaining them increased with any increase in the size of the group allowed to practice advocacy before the courts.

Sir John dismissed the appeal brought by Mr Smith who wanted his solicitor to read a seven-line statement in settlement of a libel action.

The judge, Mr Justice Leonard, had refused, arguing he had no discretion to allow the solicitor, Mr Alastair Brett, who is also a legal assistant with The Times, to read the statement. Sir John said the judge was right.

Practice and procedures of the High Court should not be changed on a "piecemeal" basis by individual judges but by them as a group.

In a statement yesterday the Law Society, which funded the appeal together with Times Newspapers, welcomed the clarification of the law and the indication that the judges would collectively issue a practice direction reviewing current practice.

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## SDP urges land trust for farmers

By John Young  
Agriculture Correspondent

An independent National Land Trust empowered to receive land in lieu of inheritance taxes and let it to young, first-time farmers is proposed in a policy document published yesterday by the Social Democratic Party.

The document is the first comprehensive statement on agriculture and the countryside issued by the party since its inception and is intended to counter criticism that, in spite of evidence of strong support in many rural areas, it has so far failed to come up with a policy for farming.

A spokesman for North West Herefordshire health authority said that Mr Leontiev, who is occupying a £70 a day bed in Hemel Hempstead general hospital should be removed by arrangement with French officials within the next

few days whether he "regains consciousness or not. Officials are certain he is feigning unconsciousness."

French consular officials have tried to interview Mr Leontiev, but his repatriation is not a certainty. A spokesman for the French Embassy in London said: "We are not planning to do anything about the case at the moment. He is under French asylum but doesn't have French nationality. There is no suggestion that the money found on him was stolen."

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## Wider say urged on union funds

By Richard Evans  
Lobby Reporter

The Government is tentatively considering introducing new legislation before the next general election to give individual trade unionists more control over their unions' funds.

Such legislation would reflect a reaction to the way Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, manipulated his union's cash out of the country during the pit strike.

Following the Government's successful legislation to introduce more democracy into trade unions, there is growing pressure in Whitehall to go a step further.

"During the miners' strike millions of pounds were secretly carried about in suitcases full of used fivers. We need to make union leaders more answerable to their members on financial matters", one senior minister said yesterday.

Apart from Mr Scargill's performance in switching his union's cash from country to country in an attempt to delay court orders to seize the money, there is also ministerial concern over rumours that the Transport and General Workers' Union loaned millions of pounds to the NUM after the miners' finances were eventually frozen.

If new legislation is brought forward, union chiefs would be more accountable to their members in financial matters.

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## All-party Gartcosh alliance collapses

By Julian Haviland,  
Political Editor

The all-party campaign to prevent the closure of British Steel Corporation's finishing mill at Gartcosh in Strathclyde came to a sudden halt yesterday when an uneasy alliance of Conservative and Opposition MPs collapsed.

A report from the Select Committee on Scottish Affairs, which was expected to insist on a three-year reprieve for Gartcosh, was stillborn when Conservative members unexpectedly withheld support from a draft, which was thought to have been agreed in informal talks.

Conservative critics of British Steel and of the Government split with other Conservatives loyal to the Government but failed to make common cause with the Opposition. The Labour members then resigned in protest, accusing the Conservatives of bad faith.

There will be no report now, and nothing to strengthen the hand of the minority of ministers who are still thought to favour a reprieve for Gartcosh.

Mr David Lambie, Labour MP for Cunningham South and chairman of the committee, said that the evidence they had received would be published shortly.

Mr Donald Dewar, senior Labour spokesman on Scottish affairs, announcing the resignation of the Labour committee members, said that the committee had been the victim of a "shoddy manoeuvre" by the Tories. The necessary basis of mutual confidence had, at least for a period, been destroyed.

In the chamber, Mr Gordon Wilson, Scottish National Party member for Dundee East, spoke of the "Quisling-like behaviour" of some committee members. He was called to order by the Speaker.

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## Star Wars snagged on 'secret'

By Rodney Cowton  
Defence Correspondent

Ministry of Defence officials have this week been working out with their American opposite numbers means of passing on to industry information about the contents of the memorandum of understanding in the "Star Wars" research programme, which was signed last Friday.

The agreement, which is intended to provide a framework within which British companies and research establishments can negotiate contracts for elements of the research work, is officially classified as "secret".

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## Three or four child abuse deaths a week, NSPCC claims

Three or four children die every week from child abuse or neglect, according to the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

A new report by the society into child abuse deaths in England and Wales shows that previous estimates of between 50 and 60 deaths a year were a "considerable underestimate".

Dr Alan Gilmour, the NSPCC's director, said in London yesterday.

Dr Gilmour said that the report, the largest continuing survey of child abuse in England and Wales, covers the past decade and was updated last September to include 1983-84. It showed a more realistic estimate of between 150 and 200 deaths a year. At least 50 of those die every year from "natural causes" where violence has played a part.

At least 12 deaths are also wrongly diagnosed under other causes, such as sudden infant death syndrome, when autopsies showed unnatural causes involving violence.

Dr Gilmour said that the new figures did not reflect a dramatic increase in deaths but rather approached a more realistic estimate of the actual numbers.

National statistics on child abuse were urgently needed to tackle the problem.

"We are not advocating a national register of child abuse but a greater sharing of information from the 100 or so child registers throughout the country," he said.

One difficulty was children who died before a case of child abuse could be established. Their names were often struck off the child abuse register by local authorities or not included at all.

Other children in the same families could be at risk. Dr Gilmour said, "All child abuse deaths should be registered."

The report's estimates of deaths from child abuse include deaths after confirmed or suspected abuse and neglect (90-140); deaths certified as "natural causes" but involving violence (at least 50); and misdiagnosed deaths (at least 12).

"Calculating the exact number of child abuse deaths is tremendously difficult. The real cause is often overlooked or not obvious," Dr Gilmour said.

The society's 29 child protection teams in the North of England had reported an overall decline in serious or fatal injuries, but during the past six years they had also reported a 70 per cent increase in the total number of child abuse reports.

"This proves the disease of child abuse is becoming more readily identified," he said.

The NSPCC's five-year plan is to establish a total of 60 child protection teams throughout England, Wales and Northern Ireland by the end of 1988.

During the period 1974 to 1983, the Register General recorded the deaths of 1,377 children from child abuse or neglect.

These included:

- Deaths due to hunger, thirst, exposure and neglect (184);
- Deaths due to homicide and injury purposely inflicted (703);
- Deaths due to injury under-ascertained whether purposely or accidentally inflicted (490).

This represents an average of 138 deaths a year but combined with the deaths from natural causes where violence played a contributory part, and deaths which have been misdiagnosed, an estimate of 200 child deaths a year is reached.

Child Abuse Deaths Information Briefing No 5, NSPCC Headley House, 67, Strand Hill, London EC1N 8RS.

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## Dead child social workers cleared

By Craig Seton

Social workers who returned Gemma Hartwell, aged 22, months to her father only two weeks before she killed her are cleared of blame in a report published yesterday.

Phillip Hartwell, aged 30, who had two previous convictions for battering small girls, including his daughter aged 19 days by a previous marriage, was sent to prison for 10 years for manslaughter at Birmingham Crown Court last month.

A panel of councillors from Birmingham social services committee, investigated the procedures used by the social services department.

In its report published yesterday the panel said no disciplinary action was called for, and considered that each judgement in the case was made in a responsible manner.

There will be no disciplinary action against the health visitor who was criticised severely for her role in the Gemma Hartwell child battering case, Brent Health Authority has decided.

Yong Leong was rebuked in the inquiry report for failing to monitor the child's weight and for consistently believing the parents' excuses.

The authority has decided that she should undergo six months' close supervision.

5 for trial over party death

Five of the seven men charged with murdering Richard Baker, aged 17, a student, at an end-of-term party in Raynes Park, south-west London, on July 27, were committed for trial in custody to the Central Criminal Court by magistrates at Lambeth yesterday.

John Bernard McLaughlin, aged 23, of Botsford Road, Wimbledon Chase, and Lester James Finch, aged 23, of Martin Way, Morden, both south-west London, who were acquitted of murder, were committed for trial in custody charged with making an affray.

The five charged with murder are David Bannister, aged 21, of Martin Way, Morden; John Egan, aged 21, of Haydon Walk, Wimbledon; Dean Harris, aged 21, of St Helier Avenue, Morden; Liam McLaughlin, aged 21, of Watford Road and Gary Thatcher, aged 22, of Claremont Avenue, New Malden, all south-west London.

Three others were committed for trial on unconditional bail, charged with impeding apprehension.

## Concorde to fly around the world

By Our Transport Editor

A Concorde will fly round the world for the first time in November next year, British Airways announced yesterday.

The 25,000-mile journey will involve only 31 hours' flying time, the fastest commercial trip around the world, but stops at New York, San Francisco, Hawaii, Hong Kong, Bali, and Cairo will lengthen the journey to 15 days.

The 100 passengers will stay at luxury hotels on the way without paying a penny; the trip is financed by Imperial Tobacco at a cost of more than £1 million as "the ultimate prize" in a New Year competition by Players cigarettes.

Capital British, the head of British Airways' Concorde division, said yesterday that he had been pressed for many years to make a round-the-world trip in Concorde but had waited until British Airways was ready on matters such as airport clearance.

Water meter law urged

By Hugh Clayton

Environment Correspondent

Legal powers to compel householders to switch to metered water supplies and pay for the change were proposed yesterday by a joint government and water industry report.

It called for an early move from the present voluntary metering system to compulsory metering of households, and emphasized the importance of curtailing the power of householders to challenge the change-over in court.

The investigation was ordered last year because many ministers, including the Prime Minister, were convinced that the system of charging for water was antiquated and abused.

Changes for supplying pure water and disposing of sewage are calculated according to rateable values, and not the amount of water used. The use of meters means that customers are charged for all the water they use, including any that leaks from their underground mains.

WATER SUPPLIES

	% share of total	% of national total metered
Households	54	less than 1
Manufacturing	27	25
Service industries	14	3
Farming	4	3
Others	1	0

Source: Joint study of water metering.

The Government's enthusiasm for metering was signalled by the appointment of Mr Roy Watts, chairman of the Thames Water Authority and one of the industry's keenest advocates of meters, to head the investigation.

But his group's report, which identified many obstacles to full-scale metering, received a notably cautious welcome from the Government.

"We shall legislate at the earliest suitable opportunity to make progress possible," Mr John Patten, Minister of State at the Department of the Environment, said. "I shall work out with the industry a programme of follow-up action."

## Police and neighbours pay tribute to victim of the Tottenham riots



Police officers and firemen yesterday lined the route of the cortege of PC Keith Blakelock to pay respect to their colleague who was killed during the Tottenham riots in October (Robin Young writes).

Traffic in Muswell Hill shopping centre, in north London, was diverted and several hundred local people lined the pavement during the service at St James's Church, which was relayed from the church by loudspeakers.

Some shops closed during the service, most were empty. Builders on scaffolding overlooked the church stopped work.

Another 100 mourners, among them policemen and firemen, watched the service on closed circuit television in two rooms at the nearby Royal British Legion Hall.

The Reverend Michael Bunker told the crowded congregation that the murder of PC Blakelock was "a dreadful, evil and criminal act" whose fundamental cause was far deeper than social deprivation. "It was the result of sin," he said.

The vicar read a tribute to the dead policeman written by a former police colleague in a letter of condolence to his widow, and added: "We are all proud to have known Keith. We are proud of Keith's contribution here in Muswell Hill, for he was our own homebeat officer."

Admission to the church was by ticket only. Official mourners were led by the Home Secretary, Mr Douglas Hurd, and the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, Sir Kenneth Newman.

The firemen whom PC Blakelock was trying to protect from rioters when he was killed were among the congregation.

Mrs Elizabeth Blakelock and her three sons, Mark, aged 13, Kevin 11 and Lee, nine, received personal condolences from the Home Secretary before the funeral cortege took relatives and close colleagues to a brief private service at the graveside.

Teenage weddings down by half

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

The young are postponing marriage, but there is little evidence that it is going out of fashion, according to a paper published by the Scottish Marriage Guidance Council.

In the past 15 years teenage marriage rates have fallen by about half and marriage is also less popular among those in their early twenties, the paper says. Cohabitation is on the increase. But it is too early to say that living together will replace marriage, and it is unlikely to.

Living together is increasingly recognized as "the final phase of courtship", according to the paper by Penny Mansfield, a sociologist at the Marriage Research Centre, Central Middlesex Hospital, West London.

A quarter of those getting married for the first time have lived together and two-thirds of those marrying for the second time. Yet the evidence is still that "the vast majority of young people are likely to marry at least once in their life".

Rising divorce rates mean many young people have grown up in a "divorcing society" which has made the young sceptical of marriage. "But there is, as yet, no evidence of a strong movement against marriage."

The young are in less of a hurry to get married, and an increase in cohabitation may mean they will postpone marriage until they are ready to have children.

Robberies up by 10% in a year

By Peter Evans

Home Affairs Correspondent

Robberies in England and Wales increased by 10 per cent in the twelve months to September, according to a Home Office Statistical Bulletin on recorded crime issued yesterday.

The biggest change, however, a 22 per cent rise, was in "other notifiable offences". The increase was due to a rise in the number of recorded offences of drug trafficking, from 6,000 to 7,500, the bulletin reports.

It compares crime figures for the year ending September with the corresponding twelve months to September 1984. Overall there was a 5 per cent increase in offences recorded.

Thefts from shops were up by 16 per cent, from 241,500 to 279,600, and thefts of motor vehicles by 40 per cent from 333,500 to 365,200.

Burglary in non-residential buildings rose by 2 per cent; there were 9 per cent more thefts from the person.

Home Office Statistical Bulletin: Notifiable offences recorded by the police in England and Wales - third quarter 1985. £1.50, from Statistical Department, Home Office, Tower Tower, Surbiton, Surrey.

Du Cann theft

Property worth thousands of pounds, including silver and china, was stolen yesterday from the home in Wellington, Somerset, of Sir Edward du Cann, MP for Taunton.

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Toothache halts police killing trial

A woman juror's toothache held up the trial at the Central Criminal Court yesterday of two men accused of murdering Det Con John Fordham.

During the lunch adjournment the woman sent Mr Justice Causfield a note saying that she was suffering from very severe toothache.

She and the other 11 jurors had been considering their verdicts for just over a day. Kenneth Nove, aged 37, of Hollywood Cottage, West Kingsdown, Kent, and Brian Reader, aged 45, of Winn Road, Grove Park, south-east London, have denied murdering Det Con Fordham.

Last night the jury was sent to a hotel after failing to continue considering its verdicts.

Bad summer causes rise in barley imports

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

Last summer's poor harvest, particularly in Scotland, has caused British imports of malting barley to rise this year to increase by 300 per cent on last year. According to the Home-grown Cereals Authority, imports to November 26 were 63,700 tonnes, compared with 16,400 tonnes in the same period of 1984.

The barley crop in Scotland was badly damaged by relentless rain throughout the harvest period, the Authority reports. The shortage of malting barley in the region has been largely made up by imports from France and Denmark.

But although barley production in the EEC as a whole is down by about 7 per cent on last year's record level there is still an overall costly and embarrassing surplus in intervention storage.

Farmers organizations have asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer for tax concessions to help them over a period in which they expect a sharp decline in incomes.

The National Farmers Union of England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland have requested wider relief from capital gains tax for farmers who have to sell assets, including land, to raise funds for their businesses.

Chalker wants more fog detectors on motorways

Automatic fog detectors, which activate warning signs on motorways, may be installed more widely, Mrs Lynda Chalker, the Transport Minister, said yesterday.

Her statement came after publication of a detailed weather study of the 121-mile M25 around London, which was ordered from the Meteorological Office after nine people died in a multiple pile-up in fog a year ago.

Fog detection equipment has already been installed at a few motorway areas, including the Mole Valley section of the M25 near Leatherhead, Surrey.

"We are considering how best to extend the use of fog detectors, not just to their parts of the M25, but to fog-prone areas of other motorways," Mrs Chalker said.

"Technology has not yet reached the stage at which we can make the fog disperse, so we can only warn drivers to expect it ahead."

The report identifies 30 areas on the M25 that are prone to mist and fog, reducing visibility to 100 metres.

Mrs Chalker said that new "matrix" warning signs would be installed on the M25 to warn of fog and other dangers by the end of 1987, a year ahead of schedule. Additional lighting would also be installed if it can be proved to be "economically and environmentally feasible".

Child killing jury told of hairs clue

By Rupert Morris

The man accused of the murder of Louise Darnley, aged 7, told police he had visited the south London estate where her body was found in July last year several times previously, and on more than one occasion had "run around naked" there, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Hairs matching those of Patrick Reilly, aged 23, of Anson Road, Turrell Park, north London, were found on the girl's body, and fragments of acrylic fibre matching his jacket were found on her dress, the jury heard.

Mr Reilly pleads not guilty to murder.

Miss Anne Goddard, QC, for the prosecution, told the jury of 10 men and two women that while they might not find either fact conclusive by itself, they might find the combination had "a strength that rules out coincidence".

Louise Darnley, Miss Goddard said, was a coloured girl just four feet tall, who was able to jump up to press the lift button at her home in Atkinson House, on the Battersea Park estate. It was in the lift that Louise may have met her killer on July 24, 1984.

She was last seen alive at about 4pm following some way behind her mother in the direction of Atkinson House. Later that evening, her naked body was discovered.

Her throat had been cut. Traces of semen and seminal fluid on the body and dress showed that this was "a sex murder", Miss Goddard said.

She went on to describe how police had noticed three "golden brown" hairs on the back of her head. These were subsequently found to be "microscopically similar" to Reilly's body hairs.

The trial continues today.

Small claim procedure examined

By Frances Gibb

Legal Affairs Correspondent

A full-scale study of the small claims procedure in the county courts of England and Wales, which deals with disputes involving £500 or less, is to be conducted by the Lord Chancellor's Department.

The study, to be assisted by the management consultants Touche Ross, is part of the wide-ranging civil justice review which was started in February this year.

The review was launched by the Lord Chancellor to identify reforms that would cut delays, the cost and the complexity of civil litigation.

Since the small claims procedure was started in 1973, its use for claims over defective goods and services, or disputed debts, has grown steadily.

Last year the 285 county courts handled more than 47,000 cases, a 60 per cent increase in small claims business since 1981. The total sum involved was about £10 million.

Two die in fire

Joanna Mangan, aged two, and her brother Carlos, aged six months, died yesterday when fire broke out in the bedroom of their home at Gathesway Avenue, Bishopsworth, Bristol.

Hoard found

A hoard of up to 60,000 bronze Roman coins has been found at Omby by Spital, north of Lincoln, by a man using a metal detector, it was disclosed yesterday.

Window repair

Restoration of the fifteenth century rose window in Durham Cathedral has been completed after three years of work.

## Extra cash for couple in failed vasectomy

A couple who were awarded £9,677 damages because they had a sixth child three years after the husband had a vasectomy won an extra £1,500 in the Court of Appeal yesterday.

The court dismissed an appeal by Mr Brian Maurice, a surgeon, of Toad Wall, Town Row Green, Rotherfield, East Sussex, against a High Court judge's ruling that he was negligent in carrying out the vasectomy without first warning Mr Donald Thake, a British Rail guard, and his wife, Patricia, that it might not be permanent.

The appeal judges allowed a cross-appeal by Mr and Mrs Thake, of Spring Lane, Bidborough, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, for an increase in their damages, which were awarded for the cost of bringing up their new daughter, Samantha, now aged 6, and the loss of Mrs Thake's earnings.

Lord Justice Kerr, sitting with Lord Justice Neill and Lord Justice Nourse, said Mrs Thake was entitled to a further £1,500 for the pain and suffering before and during the birth.

## M40 judgement delayed

The Court of Appeal judges considering the fate of the £223 million M40 motorway extension said yesterday that they needed time to reach their decision and fix a date for judgement.

Legal action by Miss Helen Anson, who has delayed work since March on the Banbury to Warwick extension. The court has been asked to overturn the refusal of the High Court last May to quash the scheme.

## Hunt for fan after pub fracas

Police are hunting a football supporter who provoked a fracas when he burst into a public house near Portsmouth's football stadium, and shouted "Tottenham Hotspur fans: 'Come out and fight, you bastards.'"

Yesterday 51 Spurs fans agreed before Portsmouth magistrates to be bound over for a year to keep the peace in sums ranging from £200 to £500.

Jays divorced

Mr Peter Jay, aged 48, of Castlebar, Ealing, west London, a former ambassador to Washington, was granted a decree nisi in the London Divorce Court yesterday on the ground that he and his wife Margaret, daughter of Mr James Callaghan, the former prime minister, had lived apart for more than two years.

Fire victim dies

Mark Hope, aged 9, of Harmanwater, Bracknell, Berkshire, who was burned when a hut used as a playden exploded on December 1, has died.

Conteh fined

John Conteh, aged 34, the former world light heavyweight boxing champion, of Bushey, Hertfordshire, was fined £100 yesterday after pleading guilty at St Albans magistrates court to speeding on the M1.

## The last time Parliament passed an Act controlling live animal experiments.

Benjamin Disraeli was Prime Minister.



This session, the Government is introducing new legislation to replace the obsolete Cruelty to Animals Act, which has lain unaltered in the statute book for 109 years.

A lot of water has passed under Westminster Bridge since 1876. And a lot of changes will be necessary if real improvements are to be made in the protection of laboratory animals in today's world. The RSPCA has placed before the Home

Secretary the controls it wishes to see imposed. It is a long list. Yet it represents the very minimum measures the RSPCA is prepared to accept in what has to be a continuing process of reform. While animal experiments are allowed to continue, the Government's primary responsibility must be to remove pain, suffering and distress. Any legislation that fails to do this will be unacceptable to the RSPCA. The new law must have teeth.



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# Militant accused of trying to break local government

LIVERPOOL

It was necessary to look beyond the chaos Mr Derek Hatton and his colleagues had brought to Liverpool and decide what should happen when the city was no longer governed by the city council, Lord Harris of Greenwich (SDP) said in opening a debate in the House of Lords on the position in Liverpool arising out of the actions of the city council.

I say to the Government (he said) that the successors to Mr Hatton and his colleagues will face a series of massive problems. Not only will they have the difficulty of getting rid of the chaos, but they will also have the task of rebuilding confidence in the city and dealing with the reconstruction of the council finances which has been made more difficult by the way loans have been raised with a number of Swiss banking institutions.

Lord Belfrage (C) said the bankers of Zurich were not philanthropists and would have regarded the reconstruction of the council finances which has been made more difficult by the way loans have been raised with a number of Swiss banking institutions.

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# Scottish row over steel plants

GARTCOSH

Much ado about no report from the Select Committee on Scottish Affairs had its impact before, during and after Scottish question time in the Commons.

In the morning the Scottish Select Committee decided to make a report to the House on the proposed closure of the Gartcosh steel finishing mill. Whether or not that has any impact on the future of the Ravenscraig mill is part of the controversy and there were early questions on the Committee order paper embracing the whole issue.

There were widespread complaints from Labour MPs about the conduct of Conservative members of the select committee. Mr Gordon Wilson (Dumfries, East, SNP) after protests from Conservatives and a request from the Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) withdrew a reference to "Quisling-like behaviour".

During the exchanges, Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Scotland, made clear there was no proposal to close Ravenscraig. He had been told the committee had decided not to report to the house. He asked if he could refer to this when MPs reached the questions which referred to Gartcosh and Ravenscraig.

The Speaker replied that what happened in a select committee could not be discussed until after it had reported. The questions on the order paper went wider and Mr Clarke would be in order to raise the issue of the Gartcosh mill.

Mr Donald Dewar, chief Opposition spokesman on Scottish Affairs, said there was a rumour, and he would put it no further than that.

In a situation where a committee decided not to report, what was the point of raising it? If there was going to be no report, were MPs not entitled to refer to the circumstances that there would be no report?

Mr Barry Henderson (North East Fife, C) said whether or not the committee made a report, the discussion which took place during those deliberations were private.

The Speaker: That is what I said. But that is not to say these matters cannot be discussed.

Mr Younger: I am sure that the committee will make a report.

to publish the minutes of its proceedings but not to issue a report. Surely we will look for it in the press as we are discussing this in Scotland and we, who are directly responsible for that decision, are not allowed to comment?

The Speaker said he could not reconsider the decision. It was a matter of fact. It was perfectly possible for the committee to decide to publish its minutes.

After Mr Younger had made his comments, Mr Gordon Wilson (Dumfries, East, SNP) said he was not behind the decision to publish the minutes. He was behind the decision to publish the minutes. He was behind the decision to publish the minutes.

Mr Younger: As chairman of the select committee, Mr Lambie is the person responsible to the House for its conduct. I have had nothing whatever to do with the decision to publish the minutes. It is a matter for the select committee. I look forward to reading them.

Mr Gordon Wilson: Despite the laughing political ineptitude in the select committee this morning and because of the Quisling-like behaviour of some committee members - would the minister take the lead...

The Speaker: We never refer to each other here as Quislings. He should be another word.

Mr Wilson: In reference to that good Norwegian expression is not good.

Speaker's views, not concerning my own, I do withdraw that term. Mr Younger said this was a matter for the select committee chairman.

Mr George Robertson (Hamilton, Lab) said there was a sense of betrayal, dismay and anger in West Scotland today when people realized that some Tory MPs had sold them out.

Mr Younger said that Mr Robertson was not on the select committee. He did not know how Mr Robertson knew that.

After question time, Mr Gavin Strang (Edinburgh, East, Lab) said Mr Speaker, your ruling is correct and all MPs understand that notwithstanding the enormity of the decision to publish the minutes, it is a matter for the select committee. We cannot discuss it. However, you said that the minutes of that disastrous decision are being published today.

We were the minutes published at 3.30 and we can see the decision. The Speaker: I did not know that the minutes were published. If they were published, it was in order to refer to them during question time. That is why I corrected my earlier ruling.

Mr Harry Ewing (Falkirk, East, Lab) would you mind the ruling of the select committee? It is well known that there have been intractable problems inside the Scottish Conservative Group. The Speaker: I do not know that and it is not a matter for me.

Mr Ewing: Such outside influences now seem to have effected the work of the Scottish select committee. The price of setting that dispute has been the loss of 700 steel workers at Gartcosh.

Mr Nicholas Fairbairn (Perth and Kinross, C) said that the minutes of the proceedings of the Scottish select committee had been ordered to be printed. They were not ordered to be printed by the select committee.

The vote not to have a report was a vote of confidence in the Opposition who have a report. The report is only by a vote by the Opposition, you advise me by whose order the minutes which contain the report which was to be submitted, are to be published?

The Speaker: I hope I was not misled. I understood from the chairman of the committee that the minutes had been ordered to be printed today.

Mr Fairbairn: With respect, that was not the case. It is not the minutes that have been ordered to be published, may I have your ruling that they should not be?

The Speaker: In that case, I was in error and my earlier statement should have stood.



Has this week's economic news transformed the political landscape? A few days ago it looked as if today's debate in the House of Commons on the Chancellor's Autumn Statement would be an occasion for Conservative self-congratulation. When Mr Lawson delivered the statement a month ago, it received such applause. Conservative morale rose in Parliament and in the country.

Not surprisingly, as the Chancellor was offering the prospect of tax cuts while spending more on health, housing and roads. At the same time he was claiming that public expenditure was altogether being kept broadly flat in real terms.

So no really painful choices were required, after all. The country was being told that it could have its cake and eat it, which is not a bad recipe for political success.

The only critical question for today's debate seemed to be how soon interest rates could be cut. But the sudden drop in oil prices has changed all that. Mrs Thatcher has ruled out the possibility of lower interest rates for the time being, and nobody is seriously pressing for such a decision now.

If oil prices continue to fall sharply, even the Government's cherished tax cuts may be put in jeopardy. That will depend upon delicate economic calculations based upon the relative movements of oil and sterling. But what would be the political consequences of having to forego the tax cuts?

# MPs seek import ban on French turkeys

AGRICULTURE

A plea from both sides of the House for a ban on the importation of French turkeys for Christmas in retaliation for the French ban on British sheep meat was rejected in the Commons by Mr Michael Jopling, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, who was making a statement on the meeting of the Committee of Agriculture Ministers of the European Community on December 9 and 10.

He said he could not be expected to announce in the Commons he was taking illegal measures. However, he had told the French the measures they were taking were intolerable and should be rejected forthwith. He was also bearing in mind the possibility of referring the matter to the European Court.

A state of near trade war existed between France and Britain over the ewe trade. Mr Brynner Johns, chief Opposition spokesman on agriculture, said he asked Mr Jopling to have raised this at the meeting because of the severe effects it would have on British sheep farmers.

Mr Jopling: I share in concern about the way in which our ewe meat exports are being treated in France. I had the opportunity of discussing this with my French counterpart and told him I believed the measures being taken were intolerable and ought to be lifted forthwith.

Mr Collis Shepherd (Hereford, C) will he pursue with the greatest possible vigour the question of the ewe trade because it is essential the confidence of sheep producers be sustained.

Mr Jopling: I will undertake to take the most vigorous steps to ensure the present hindrance to ewe meat trade is lifted.

Mr Robb Maxwell Hyslop (Tiverton, C) On representations made to the French Government about the wholly illegal ban on sheep meat, he

# Massive state spending not the answer

INNER CITIES

The Government had responded to reports on inner city deprivation with abuse, insult and even bribery, Dr John Cunningham, chief Opposition spokesman on the environment, said in opening the Commons debate on the housing crisis and urban deprivation.

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Environment, maintained that to launch a huge programme of new council building would not deal with the problem. That had been tried. This year £2,300 million would be spent by councils on refurbishment, maintenance and repairs and he would like to see more spent.

Dr Cunningham said that having had the report of the Archbishop of Canterbury's commission Faith in the City for at least 10 days before publication, Tory ministers cynically continued in breaking the embargo with the sole intention of discrediting the report and many distinguished members of the commission. There had been as much media discussion of alleged Marxism and other puerile insults as about the constructive work by honourable people.

Mr Baker, in a number of criticisms of the report, said it gave the impression of jumping to conclusions about the inner city and describing them as poor. This was palpably not true. No attempt was made to distinguish absolute from relative poverty. Nor being as well off as one's neighbour was put in the same category as destitution.

Massive state spending was not a revolutionary proposal. It did not break new ground. The plough follows the predetermined furrow (he commented).

Mr Cunningham moved an Opposition motion demanding new initiatives to regenerate cities and urban areas and asked the Government to reverse the reduction in rate support grant and investment in housing.

He said yesterday's planning dreams and bureaucratic housing units were today's nightmare for millions of families. But inner city problems rapidly got worse because of the deliberately calculated and sustained policies of the Government.

Comparing 1978-79 with the current fiscal year at constant prices, the London borough of Hackney received £3.3 million more in urban programmes resources but had lost £5.8 million in rate support grant. The borough of Tower Hamlets, classified by this Government as the most deprived urban borough in England, Manchester had a combined loss in RSG and housing subsidy of £18.9 million compared to a gain of £3.7 million; Birmingham, a loss of £214.5 million and a gain of £3.4 million; Newcastle upon Tyne, a loss of £101.9 million and a gain of £3.1 million. The record was the same for virtually all city and urban authorities.

These authorities have (he said) had to cope with such cuts year on year for six consecutive years. How dare ministers claim they are concentrating resources on those communities in need? Such claims are a deception, frankly a lie.

We certainly agree that throwing money at problems is an inefficient use of precious public resources, but taking money away from the inner cities, the underprivileged and the urban areas and taking it to high income earners is an obscenity.

There must be a longer term strategy which brought resources back to the inner cities. But central government action must not be an excuse for yesterday's laissez-faire democratically elected local councils.

Central to a new strategy should be commitment to full employment. In combating poverty they must also address the problems of black people.

Police forces were critical to life in the inner cities. Yet the bobby's lot was not a happy one. 3,000 had been injured in assaults in a year and that meant at one in seven were injured. It was a dangerous and difficult job.

Recruitment of ethnic police had been deplorable and that was not for lack of applicants. The Commissioner had said he was reluctant to lower standards (Conservative cheer). He did not have to do that, but should be more imaginative in recruitment and after the grotesquely unrepresentative nature of the urban police force.

The existing machinery of government in Whitehall and at local level seemed ill-equipped to tackle the vast problems of urban and inner city areas. They perhaps needed a minister for the inner cities.

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Environment, moved the Government amendment supporting the Government policy of targeting public expenditure more effectively towards areas of greatest need. It welcomed increased home ownership and called on local authorities to act responsibly.

The answer in the Church of England report was a collectivist solution. The local council was essentially the saviour of the city. The report failed to recognize public expenditure was only a part in dealing with the cities' problems. It also failed to recognize that injudicious public expenditure, rather than a solution, had often become a cause of the problem.

The report underestimated the contribution the individual could make to improve his condition. The Opposition was calling for more spending by the municipal authorities. Good would mean more money for Councilor Stringer in Manchester, Councillor Grant of Haringey, Councillor Knight of Lambeth and Councillor Hatton of Liverpool (Labour interruptions).

These councils had built those appalling estates in the 1960s and 1970s. Social engineers and planners over the last 30 years - some of them promoted by central Government of both parties - had sold the country a whole lot of quick remedies to deal with the problems

# Parents want no strike deal for teachers

EDUCATION

Parents now required that any outcome to the teachers' dispute would cover not merely pay but include a guarantee that schools could not be disrupted in future at no cost to the teachers, Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Scotland, told the Commons.

During question time exchanges, Mr Younger reminded MPs that he had already proposed two initiatives to solve the dispute and both had been rejected. It was time someone else had a shot at it.

Mr Dennis Canavan (Falkirk, West, Lab) is he oblivious to the fact that last Thursday's strike affected virtually every school in Scotland? Mr Younger: More and more of the letters we are getting from parents are saying "Why can there not be some solutions which include ensuring that this sort of nonsense can never happen again?"

Mr Michael Forsyth (Stirling, C) The problem with this dispute is that the victims have no votes and no say in the matter. The teachers have conducted it at minimum cost to themselves.

If the employers will not act against the teachers, will Mr Younger consider taking powers?

Mr Younger: I do not have the power to take such action.

Mr Harry Ewing, an Opposition spokesman on Scotland, said Mr Younger was attending these meetings of Viscount Whitelaw (Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Lords), Sir Keith Joseph (Secretary of State for Education and Science) and the Prime Minister?

Mr Younger: I am involved in all meetings about teachers' disputes.

He added that he would deplore the attitude of teachers but at least that would mean teachers in a position that they would have to suffer financial penalties themselves.

# Management agrees to early meeting with teachers on pay

The management side in the teachers' pay dispute agreed yesterday to meet the unions as soon as possible for informal talks which could pave the way to a settlement of the 10-month dispute.

Mrs Nicky Harrison, chairman of the Labour-dominated management panel, emphasized that the financial position of local authorities had not changed at all since they made their last offer of 6.9 per cent, staged so that teachers would get 7.5 per cent by the end of next March. If anything, it had got worse, she said.

Talks are expected to take place before Christmas, probably next week. At that meeting the management is prepared to talk about reinstating its last offer and Mrs Harrison said any offer would be conditional on the teachers' industrial action being called off.

Mrs Harrison did not rule out an improvement in the last offer, but she said that the

# Shaking aid helps bones to heal

By Thomson Prentice Science Correspondent

Accident victims are being offered the hope of quicker treatment thanks to a "bone-shaker" metal frame which helps fractures to mend faster than they would in plaster casts.

Doctors believe the device will reduce the healing time of some serious leg fractures by as much as 20 per cent.

More than 100 patients are testing the latest version of the device in a group of English hospitals.

A spring-loaded mechanism, linked to a compressor, gently vibrates the broken bone ends through the frame, which is pinned directly to the limb. The effect is to stimulate new cell growth.

Early in treatment, patients can "go for a walk" without leaving their beds, as the device supplies movement similar to walking.

As the patient gets to his feet, the frame provides controlled movement to the fracture. The patient is allowed home with the frame, and there is less danger of muscle wastage.



The "bone-shaker" frame, which stimulates cell growth and works faster than plaster cast treatment.

# Mirror was unfair to Camden

The Mirror should have offered to publish a reply from the London Borough of Camden after it had been criticized by Anne Robinson, the columnist, the Press Council says in a ruling published today.

The council upholds the complaint of Mr Frank Nicholson, Camden's chief executive, that inaccurate and unfounded remarks on the case of a child, aged two, found wandering alone on Hampstead Heath when he should have been in the care of council day nursery staff, reflected misleadingly and unfairly on councillors.

Mr Michael Molloy, then editor of the newspaper, refused a request by Councillor Alan Woods, chairman of Camden's social services committee, that he publish an apology for Miss Robinson's use of the incident to make a political attack on Camden.

The Press Council's attitude was that it was unfair to link criticism of the case of the boy with a general attack on Camden council and its policies, and "this general and severe attack was one - to which Camden Council had a right to expect an opportunity to reply."

# Scots universities call

Scotland's eight universities should no longer be funded through the University Grants Committee and should instead be financed directly by the Scottish Office, according to the first report of the Scottish Tertiary Education Advisory Council.

A new body should be established to supervise the whole of higher education in Scotland, it proposes, in what is effectively a declaration of independence by Scottish universities.

Universities would require

The "bone-shaker" frame, which stimulates cell growth and works faster than plaster cast treatment.

# Verdict on the conferences

The party conference was, I believe, the turning point. This judgment is borne out by the opinion polls. NOP in The Mail on Sunday on October 27, MORI in The London Standard two days later and MORI again in The Sunday Times on November 3 all put the Conservatives in front. Not by much. It is true, but even a small lead was a marked improvement on the party's slumping since the spring.

All these polls were taken after the electorate had had time to digest its impressions of the Conservative conference, and before the Autumn Statement on November 12. They were not an unreasonable verdict on the conference season.

Mr Kinnock was the personal hero of the 1985 conferences: for the courage and drive of his Bournemouth speeches. But as a party Labour still seemed to contain too many of the elements of an empty man.

By contrast, the Conservative conference appeared to have kept its nerve as a government and as a party. Its political difficulties were not more than anything else, and whether they can persist in this situation.



## Soviet expert on submarines takes over as navy chief

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Admiral Sergei Gorshkov, aged 75, veteran commander of the Soviet Navy, has been replaced by a man nearly 20 years his junior as part of the continuing shake-up in the control of various key branches of the armed forces ordered by Mr Gorbachov, the Soviet Leader.

Although the change had been shrouded in secrecy, a Defence Ministry spokesman in Moscow confirmed yesterday that the new naval commander is Admiral Vladimir Chernavin, aged 57, one of the pioneers of nuclear submarine warfare.

The promotion of Admiral Chernavin, first hinted at in typically cryptic Kremlin style in yesterday's edition of the armed forces paper *Krasnaya Zvezda* (Red Star), attracted widespread diplomatic attention as the emergence of the Soviet Union as an oceanic power is regarded as one of the strategic events of the post war period.

According to Western experts, there is unlikely to be any immediate change in naval strategy. It had been predicted that Mr Gorbachov would work to engineer the replacement of Admiral Gorshkov, who has held his influential post for 29 years.

Since Mr Gorbachov took office in March, new chiefs have already been appointed to head the forces, political Department, the powerful strategic rocket forces, and the forces in East Germany. There have also been repeated rumours of further impending changes in the military hierarchy.

Admiral Chernavin, a graduate of the Frunze Naval College



Admiral Gorshkov: held post for 29 years

in Leningrad, had been one of the two first deputy commanders-in-chief of the Navy since March, 1982. Before that, he was commander of the Northern Fleet, in which he had served for about 30 years.

In the late 1950s and early 1960s, when the Soviet Union was increasing its nuclear-powered submarine fleet - now believed to be about 150 strong - Admiral Chernavin, then commander of a diesel submarine, had special training and was appointed as commander of one of the first Soviet nuclear vessels.

According to sources here, he later became the first submarine commander to launch missiles from his vessel. It was also said to have been one of the pioneers of navigation under ice and learning to surface in gaps in the ice cap.

In the spring of 1966, Admiral Chernavin was awarded the Order of Lenin for his part as a staff officer in the submerged circumnavigation of the World by a detachment of Soviet nuclear submarines. His abilities are respected by Western observers here, many of whom regard him as one of the most distinguished Soviet naval commanders of the postwar era.

There has in that time been a steady build-up which has transformed the Navy, and which some diplomats here believe may have been spurred by the Soviet Union's humiliation in the 1962 Cuban missile crisis.

The recent concentration on expanding the nuclear submarine fleet is expected to continue, with Western observers predicting that Admiral Chernavin will prove as capable as his predecessor in securing a substantial share of the huge annual defence budget.

Admiral Chernavin joined the Communist Party in 1949 and later became a deputy to the Supreme Soviet. Western experts were first alerted to his importance in 1981 when *Red Star* devoted two lengthy articles to his career.

● **TUNIS:** Admiral Chernavin visited the northern port of Bizerta yesterday on the second day of a visit to Tunisia according to the official TAP news agency (Reuters reports). Admiral Chernavin earlier had talks with the Defence Minister Mr Shabeddine Baly, on furthering co-operation between the two countries' navies.

## Paris staff strike over Unesco job losses

From Diana Geddes, Paris

About 1,000 members of the Staff Association at Unesco staged a one-day strike at the organization's Paris headquarters yesterday in protest at the loss of an estimated 800 jobs, one-third of the Paris-based staff. It was the organization's first strike in 11 years.

Four more association members decided yesterday to join their French President, M Bruno De Padirac, in a hunger strike started on Monday in support of the association's demands for a joint staff-administration committee to consider how best to redeploy staff made compulsorily redundant instead of the "committee of wise men" with no staff representatives, set up by Mr Amadou M'Bow, Unesco Secretary General.

Mr M'Bow was due to address a closed meeting last night of all 2,377 Paris-based Unesco staff in an attempt to allay their fears, soothe their anger, and remove the threat of a continuation of the strike action. His secretariat claims that only 600 jobs losses will be needed as a result of the British and American withdrawal from the organization, of which up to 200 are likely to involve compulsory redundancy.

● **International concern:** Britain's decision to leave the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organ-



M Bruno de Padirac, flanked by Ann Gregory from Britain (right) and Sarah Camargo-Pinnela from Mexico beginning their hunger strike in Unesco headquarters.

ization has caused concern in a number of countries.

China urged Britain to reconsider its decision. A Foreign Ministry spokesman told a news briefing in Peking that China supported "the reforms being carried out in the organization", and added: "We have always attracted importance to the principle of universality and hope Britain will return to Unesco."

In Nigeria, the Foreign Ministry said: "The most stable

solutions to world problems can only come about on the platform of international organizations," adding that it was dismayed by the British action and appeals to both London and Washington to return to Unesco.

Canada is "very disturbed" by Britain's decision, a government spokesman said this week. There is no question of Canada following Britain's lead, nor that given earlier by the United States, said Mr Michel Amar,

an aide to the Minister for External Relations, Mrs Monique Vézina.

Jordan had earlier urged Britain to reconsider its decision. A Foreign Ministry statement said Jordan had hoped problems would be resolved without any member state resorting to withdrawal.

Italy also expressed regret at the decision, saying that it deprived Unesco of "the voice of a great nation".

## Unicef charts child survival success

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef) said yesterday the lives of more than a million children were being saved each year by a surge in immunization and rehydration therapy, two of the cheapest and simplest child protection techniques.

In a report heralding the start of a resolution in child survival entitled *The State of the World's Children 1986* released in Washington, Unicef said many developing nations were within striking distance of immunizing all their children by the United Nations target year of 1990. That would mean another 3,500,000 young lives would be saved each year. But the report pointed to a continuing crisis in Africa.

Demand for vaccines had trebled since 1983. "New strategies for mobilizing all organized resources and all possible channels of communication are enabling immunization programmes to reach a much greater proportion of a nation's families," it said.

"Oral rehydration therapy and immunization are therefore leading the way towards a revolution in child survival and development, made possible by a range of low-cost methods including growth checking, improved weaning, the promotion of breast feeding and the prevention of Vitamin A deficiency."

Unicef said that in the past 18 months several nations had doubled or trebled their level of

immunization against vaccine-preventable diseases which were killing almost four million children a year and leaving another four million permanently disabled.

It said the United Nations had taken the unprecedented step of asking the leaders of all 159 member states for their personal support for immunizing all the world's children by 1990.

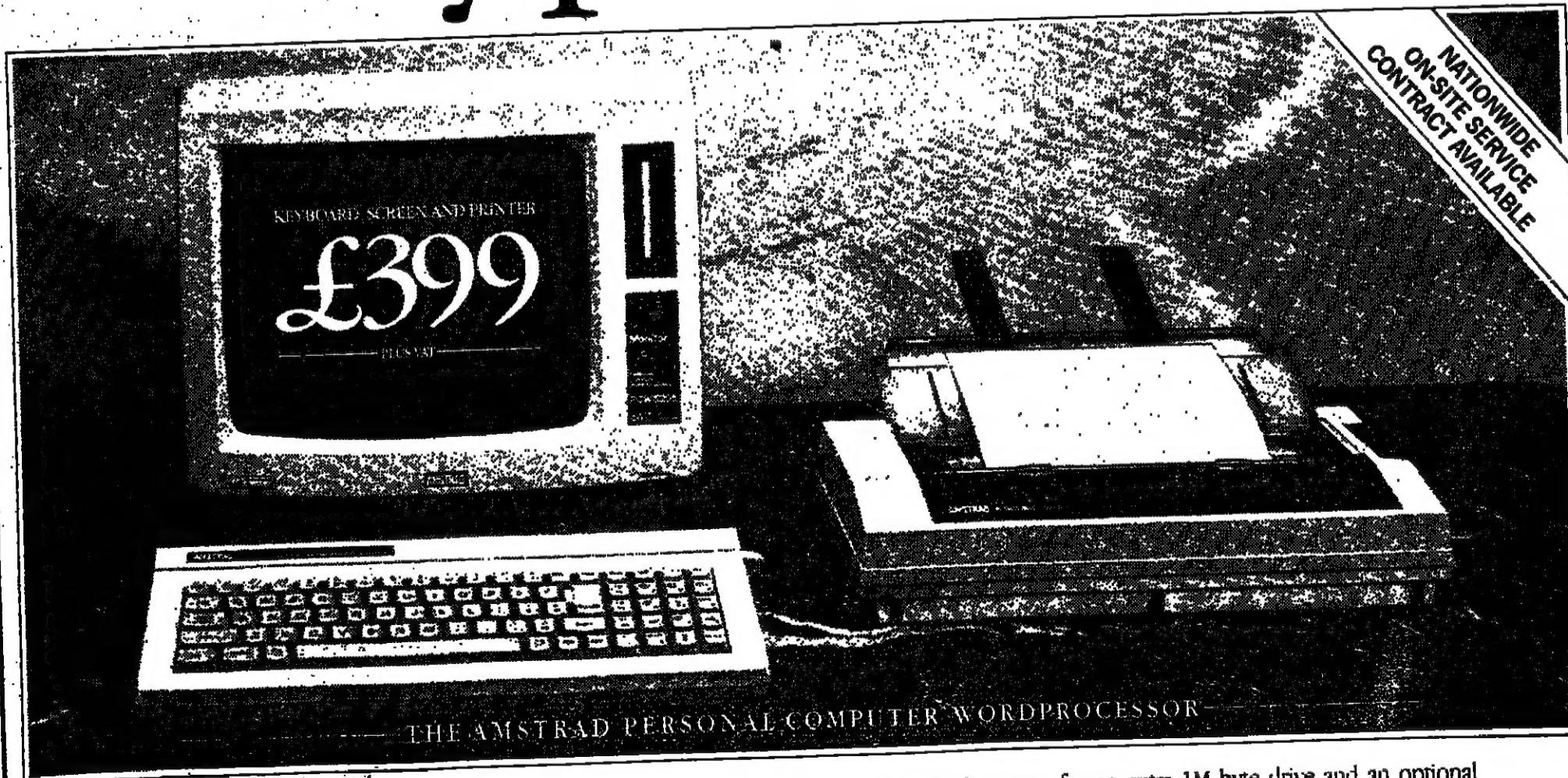
● **NAIROBI:** in its report on Africa, Unicef accused the International Monetary Fund (IMF) of aggravating the continent's appalling problems by neglecting human factors in the economic reforms it had promoted (Reuters reports).

Partly as a result of narrowly conceived reforms, "children and their mothers in sub-Saharan Africa are less healthy than in any other major region of the world," Unicef said. "While steady progress is being made in other regions, the situation in Africa appears to be either stagnant or deteriorating."

The report quoted a US survey which found that 17 million children under five in sub-Saharan Africa - 25 per cent of the total - were malnourished even before the recent drought.

It said the IMF and World Bank had emphasized improving the balance of payments of impoverished African countries and repaying their debts at the expense of boosting employment and social services.

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## Nato INF launchers rise to 140

From Frederick Barnart, Brussels

Nato medium-range missile launchers will be deployed in Europe by the end of this year. Mr Allen Holmes, head of the politico-military affairs bureau of the State Department, made the announcement at the end of a meeting of Nato's consultative group on intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF) which he chaired.

Of the total 140 missile launchers, 108 Pershing 2 ballistic missiles will have arrived in West Germany by the end of the year. Thirty-two cruise missile launchers are deployed in Britain, Italy and Belgium.

Under proposals tabled by the US in the INF arms control negotiations in Geneva last month, there is to be a ceiling of 140 launchers deployed by both sides in Europe.

Mr Holmes added that the Soviet Union would be required to reduce its SS20s within range of Europe to that number. The total number of SS20s still stood at 441 worldwide and there is no evidence of dismantlement.

The aim is to have the same number of warheads for medium-range missiles on both sides. The final mix of Pershing 2 and cruise missiles would be a subject for discussion with the Soviet Union.

## Hunt for two accused of killing

From Harry Debelius, Madrid

A hunt for two people accused of killing a British holidaymaker spread from the Costa Brava to the rest of Spain yesterday after police recaptured two of four suspects who fled from a court with a magistrate and two other hostages.

The four, who range in age from 18 to 28, had been brought from a nearby prison to a magistrates' court in Santa Coloma de Farnes, near Girona, on Tuesday to testify regarding the killing of Mr David Mathieson in the Costa Brava resort of Lloret de Mar, on September 23, 1984.

In the court room one pulled a knife from his sock and held it against the magistrate's neck, forcing three Civil Guards to surrender their arms.

The four fled, holding the magistrate, a court clerk and an unidentified third person as hostages.

The hostages were released in a wooded area where police took two of the suspects back into custody.

Mr Mathieson, who was 43, was travelling with his wife and another British couple, when a young man grabbed his wife's purse. He resisted the robbery and was stabbed to death.

## Brussels ready to help finance Channel link

From Richard Owen, Strasbourg

The European Community is prepared to offer financial help for the proposed fixed link across the Channel, but time is running out and Britain and France must first approach the European Commission in Brussels.

EEC sources said yesterday Britain and France are to decide which of several Channel projects to adopt next year.

Both London and Paris have taken the view so far that the Channel link - whether tunnel or bridge, or a combination of the two - is a bilateral project financed and constructed by private companies. The Commission, with the support of the European Parliament at Strasbourg, argues that the fixed link cannot be seen in isolation and has an important European dimension, with implications for EEC internal trade, as well as symbolic significance for Britain's commitment to Europe.

Mr Stanley Clinton Davis, the Commissioner responsible for transport, told the European Parliament earlier this year that Britain and France did not appear to want EEC public finance.

Commission sources said a working paper on the options facing the EEC over the Channel link had been dropped from the Commission agenda a month ago, but could be revived.

EEC aid could take the form either of guarantees for private finance offered by the European Investment Bank, or funds for infrastructure projects, such as approach roads. If private backers of the Anglo-French Channel do not receive guarantees from either the British or the French governments, they could seek EEC guarantees instead, officials said.

Direct EEC funds for infrastructure projects would have to be approved by the Council of Ministers.



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## US agreement to discuss forces in Spain will aid González in Nato poll

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

The United States has agreed to negotiate with Spain's Socialist Government on an "adjustment" of its military presence in this country during the first half of next year.

Two days of tense talks and a joint statement issued here on Tuesday night have put in place a key element in the Spanish Government's strategy to obtain a positive result from the referendum on Nato membership, envisaged for March.

The military bases, first established here by the Americans more than 30 years ago in a deal which brought the Franco

regime out of isolation, remain the emotional focal point of Spanish opposition to Nato.

Señor Felipe González, the Prime Minister, can now brandish Washington's promise to negotiate before the voters, but the timing of the negotiations within the framework of renewing the 1982 bilateral agreement of co-operation and friendship will give Washington what it wanted - knowledge of the referendum outcome before getting down to any consideration of future adjustments to bases and troop levels.

The joint statement commits

both sides only to adjustments "to the level they judge necessary". The "phased reduction of the US military presence will be based on the assumption by Spain's armed forces of specific responsibilities and missions currently undertaken by the US," the statement goes on.

But the Americans have left themselves the proviso, expected to figure prominently in any future detailed negotiations, that "overall defence capability and level of security for both countries and their allies" will be maintained.

Spain's Foreign Minister first signalled last May, a week before President Reagan's visit, Madrid's desire for troop reduction.

After a first round of talks in October which failed to produce what Madrid desired, Señor González threatened that, if Spain could not get the reductions by negotiations, he would take action unilaterally. But his Defence Minister later toned down this threat.

Señor José María de Areizba, who as Foreign Minister after Franco's death negotiated the first changes in the original bases agreement, yesterday told the Government that the Nato controversy would be much better settled by a vote in Parliament than by a referendum.

The opposition which wants Spain fully integrated into Nato, decided yesterday to recommend its supporters to abstain in the referendum.

## Talks on Turkish bases

From Frederick Bonnart, Brussels

The agreed reduction of American military forces in Spain was discussed by Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, and Señor Francisco Fernández Ordóñez, the Spanish Foreign Minister, after Mr Shultz's arrival in Brussels from London yesterday.

The United States maintains about 12,500 military and 1,700 civilian personnel under a treaty with Spain on two Air Force bases, one naval station, a firing range and several other minor installations leased from Spain under the 1953 agreement.

Negotiations on bases was also the subject of a later discussion Mr Shultz had with Mr Vahit Halefoglu, the

Turkish Foreign Minister.

The agreement under which US troops are stationed in Turkey also expires in 1988, and both sides are ready to begin preliminary negotiations early next year. Turkey is known to want greatly increased military aid from the United States.

Mr Shultz is in Brussels for a meeting of Nato's foreign ministers, which starts today. At this North Atlantic Council meeting, the foreign ministers, according to a senior Nato official, will begin working out an "allied political strategy towards the Soviet Union and East Europe, based on the results of the Reagan-Gorbachev summit and an evaluation of the new Soviet leadership."

## Reagan warns Senate on China relations

Washington - The Reagan Administration has warned Congress that new tougher conditions imposed by the Senate on the US-Chinese nuclear accord could damage relations between the two.

The State Department said that an amendment proposed by Senator John Glenn (Democrat, Ohio) would also undermine the nuclear pact signed in July.

The amendment would oblige President Reagan to certify, before companies sell nuclear reactors and technology, that Peking has agreed to international Atomic Energy Agency safeguards or their equivalent.

## Bonn protest on jobless pay terms

From Frank Johnson, Bonn

The somewhat antiseptic streets of the Government Quarter here, normally rather quiet, have been swarmed by about 3,000 protesting trade unionists.

They were here to denounce one paragraph in a new Labour Act which is to go before the Bundestag. The offending passage would end the arrangement, convenient for the unions, by which unemployment pay has to be paid to workers laid off by a strike, but who also stand to gain from the strike's success.

The arrangement was used effectively last year by the big union, I.G. Metall, in its

campaign for a shorter working week in the motor industry.

By calling out just a few workers in a small number of component factories, the union shut down the entire motor industry while at the same time ensuring that the rest of the workers received unemployment benefit, saving the union considerable strike pay. The disputed paragraph is intended by the Government to make sure that this does not happen again.

The protesters in Bonn stood outside the Chancellery on Tuesday evening while Chancellor Kohl intervened in the conflict by holding a meeting with leaders of the unions and employers. After three hours of talks, no agreement was reached. All sides agreed to reconsider their position, but Chancellor Kohl was said to be insisting on an agreement by Christmas under which the unions would agree not to repeat I.G. Metall's tactic.

About 350,000 engineering workers in West Germany stopped work to attend protest rallies. They heard their leaders say, among other things, that the paragraph was designed to undermine the right to strike.

## Nakasone takes slimmed-down £14,600 bonus

Tokyo - The Japanese Prime Minister has been paid a bonus of 4.39 million yen (£14,600) for his work this past year in line with most civil servants (David Warr, writes).

But Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone's award was less than that for the Chief Justice with whom he would normally be on a par; he has forgone a 5.74 per cent salary increase payable from last July because of Japan's domestic fiscal deficit.

Bonuses are paid by most Japanese companies. Originally they rewarded good service, but now are normally seen as part of the salary.

## American ultimatum to UN on budget

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

The United States has given the United Nations less than a week to initiate sweeping budgetary reforms or face deep, across-the-board cuts in the American budgetary contribution which could virtually paralyse the world organization.

The American warning comes after adoption by Congress of the Kassebaum Amendment, which directs the US Secretary of State to seek weighted voting on budgetary matters in the UN and its specialized agencies. Unless weighted voting is achieved by October 1, 1986, the US will have to cut its contribution from 25 per cent to less than 20 per cent of the organization's annual budget.

Reagan Administration officials have stated their opposition to the amendment, but have made clear that their hands are tied now that the amendment has become law. They strongly suggested that the UN's financial and budgetary reform measures that would enable the Administration to argue effectively in favour of forestalling enactments of the Kassebaum Amendment.

The Committee has until the end of the present Assembly, which is next Tuesday, to take the decisions in order to make the October 1986 deadline.

The four measures are: developing a method of limiting accretions to the budget; a freeze on the budget; the examination of alternative methods of assessing member contributions; and increased control by member states over personnel costs which take up a majority of the regular UN annual budget that in 1985 was about \$830 million (£568 million).

What critics of the way the UN spends its money find most infuriating is the creation of new programmes which, in many cases, are redundant. But even in the unlikely event that the UN acts on the four suggested measures by the end of the session, the Reagan Administration is unable to give any guarantee that the proposed cuts can be avoided.

Mr Joseph Reed, the American representative, could only offer the hope that, if the steps are taken, it "may be possible to convince Congress to delay implementing the Kassebaum Amendment".

## African leaders in Paris

## Chad and debts top summit agenda

From Diana Geddes, Paris

The 12th annual Franco-African summit opened in Paris yesterday with the continuing Libyan occupation of part of Chad, South African apartheid, and Africa's serious economic problems, including its big foreign debt, all high on the three-day agenda.

Thirty-six countries, representing two-thirds of the members of the organization of African Unity (OAU), are due to attend, including 17 French-speaking heads of state and the representatives of five English-speaking countries - Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Zambia, Nigeria and Sudan. Of the 37 countries invited this year (nine fewer than last year), only one, Burkina Faso, has refused.

Morocco will be present at a Franco-African summit for the first time. It is hoped that King Hassan, who signed a "treaty of union" with Libya in 1984, will be able to get together with President Hissène Habré of Chad to see whether the Moroccan leader could use his good offices with Colonel Gaddafi to persuade him to withdraw from the northern half of Chad, which Libyan troops have been occupying for the past two-and-a-half years.

Sixteen months after the French pact with Libya for the mutual and simultaneous withdrawal of their troops from Chad, the Libyan troops remain in the north, and according to President Habré, have recently been substantially reinforced.

He estimates the Libyans now have 7,000 troops in the north and fears that they are planning a new offensive against the south.

President Mitterrand has already given two firm hints that France would not stand idly by if the Libyans did try to push further south.

King Hassan is also expected to be the focus of interest over the question of the proposed referendum in the Western Sahara. It will be the African

## Nations present

Countries participating at head of state level are: Benin, Burundi, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Djibouti, Gabon, Ile Maurice, Ivory Coast, Mali, Morocco, Niger, Rwanda, Senegal, Togo, Zaire. Others attending are: Angola, Botswana, Cape Verde, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Mauritania, Mozambique, Seychelles, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania, Tunisia, Zimbabwe.

After restricted talks with the French-speaking African states yesterday, President Mitterrand is expected to devote a good part of his inaugural speech at today's opening plenary session to the question of the fight against apartheid in South Africa.

France recently denied rumours emanating from South Africa that it had offered political asylum to the jailed African nationalist leader, Mr Nelson Mandela, if Pretoria agreed to free him.

Representatives of the African jurists' association met President Diouf of Senegal in his capacity as president of the OAU in Paris earlier this week, to suggest a boycott by African states of South African Airlines and of all other airlines flying to or from South Africa.

## Boost for comet mission

San Francisco (AP) - The gases of Halley's Comet extend so far that a US spacecraft should be able to sample material emitted by the comet instead of simply watching it go by, and officials of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa) said.

"It looks like we're going to get our mission to Halley's Comet after all," even though the spacecraft will remain 18 million miles from it, said Mr John Brandt, head of the astronomy and solar physics laboratory at Nasa's Goddard Space Flight Centre.

Two Soviet probes, two Japanese and one from the European Space Agency will have closer encounters with the comet in March.

## IS THE GOVERNMENT GENUINELY LOOKING AT BOTH CROSS CHANNEL PROPOSALS?



Government representatives from Britain and France are currently evaluating various proposals for a Channel fixed link. Both governments are keen to reach a final decision in early 1986. (How on earth can they wade through an estimated 10 tons of documentation so quickly?)

This determination to force the issue suggests that both governments have already made up their minds - there will be a Channel fixed link, come hell or high water.

Quite clearly both governments are suffering from tunnel vision. They are closing their eyes to the fact that the ferries already provide a flexible and efficient service. A service that offers a wide choice of points of arrival and departure.

And with the advent of 'Super Ferries', this cross-Channel proposal will offer cheaper fares than any fixed link can promise. A fixed link needs to create a monopoly to be financially viable. This would sink all the Continental ferry routes, not just Dover-Calais and open the floodgates to higher fixed link fares.

No matter what the British government might say, one thing is crystal clear. It is only looking at half of the story. And by doing so, it is turning a blind eye to the case for Britain's cross-Channel ferries.

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# Warsaw worried about Western reaction to big purge of universities

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

The political purge of Polish universities and colleges is gnawing deep into everyday academic life and seems bound to cause an embarrassing boycott of Poland by Western film-makers and intellectuals.

The government spokesman, Mr Jerzy Urban, said this week that 60 senior college staff had lost their positions as rectors (vice-chancellors), deputy rectors and deans, and that a further 13 had resigned in protest.

But that is only half the story. At Warsaw Polytechnic, where the Rector, Dr Wladyslaw Flakus, was recently dislodged by the authorities, the purge is being measured by stopwatch. Special "worker-peasant" inspection teams are watching to see which lecturers begin classes late or send their students home early. Regular offenders are liable to summary dismissal.

Many lecturers at the Polytechnic are each required to obtain two political references from "political or social organizations" before they can even be considered for renewal of their contracts. This poses a problem. There is only one legal political organization at the Polytechnic and that is the Communist Party.

Rather than scurry around Warsaw looking for political patrons, lecturers are con-

templating giving up their jobs. A process of "verification" - political vetting - will begin early next year and the feeling in several university and polytechnic departments is that it would be better to leave of one's own accord rather than undergo a humiliating inquiry. Mr Urban said that universities had to uphold the principles of socialist education and that lecturers had to be measured against these principles.

Underpinning the purge is the wish to destroy universities as a platform for the opposition linked with the banned Solidarity union. The authorities are worried that a new post-Solidarity generation, equally committed to political opposition, will spring out of university terrain.

That explains some of the more bizarre measures now underway. At Warsaw Polytechnic, the Bridge Club has become politically suspect and some regular participants have been questioned. Under the new amended Higher Education Law and some 30 detailed executive instructions, the authorities can take steps to block any movement or group that smacks of opposition.

The new regulations provide for the creation of a security officer from among the university staff. He would be in charge of checking whether illegal posters are being pinned on

noticeboards and whether Solidarity supporters are meeting on university premises. This is a volunteer position and not surprisingly most colleges have not been able to find candidates.

Although the government is trying to shrug off the storm of criticism and is insisting that some of the dismissals result from economic incompetence, it is obviously worried about the international impact of the purge. A much trumpeted Congress of World Intellectuals planned for January has been postponed for three months without explanation.

The government had invited such well-known figures as the novelist Graham Greene and the American film-maker, Woody Allen. However the authorities appear to have picked up a few ominous signals from abroad and it seems that Mr Allen at least is not keen to come. Polish television was due to start a new season of Woody Allen films but at the last minute and again without explanation the films were withdrawn. Television executives would say only: "Ask the government." The government, in turn, is simply saying that relations with the United States leave something to be desired.

But the implication is clear: Woody has been put on a blacklist.

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## Aids virus 'hides in the brain'

Boston (Reuters) - Medical researchers believe the Aids virus hides and spreads in the brain, which may make a cure more difficult to find, according to a report published yesterday.

Two separate teams of doctors reported in the *New England Journal of Medicine* that they had isolated the virus in brain and spinal fluid from Aids patients suffering from brain and nerve disorders that are beginning to be associated with acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

The presence of the virus in the brain may make it difficult to cure the disease because a membrane sheath called the blood-brain barrier prevents most drugs in the blood from reaching the brain.

The discovery "raises the possibility that the central nervous system may serve as a sanctuary for the virus and that any effective treatment must penetrate the blood-brain barrier for successful eradication", a team led by Dr David Ho of Massachusetts General Hospital said.

His colleague Dr Paul Black of Boston University School of Medicine, said these factors "will make eradication of infection of the central nervous system very difficult, if not impossible".

From his life have in the brain, Dr Black reported, the Aids virus may alter the brain and contribute to the crippling of the immune system that is the hallmark of the disease.

Both the Ho team, and the second group led by Dr Lionel Resnick of the US National Institutes of Health (NIH), found that the virus was probably responsible for the brain disorders recently found to accompany Aids. These include a deterioration of the brain and spinal cord, chronic meningitis, and weakness in the hands and legs.

## US urged by businessmen to lift ban

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The biggest delegation of US businessmen to visit the Soviet Union ended its three-day mission last night by urging the Reagan Administration to liberalize its trading policy towards Moscow after last month's Geneva summit.

More than 400 top executives from US companies and banks attended the session of the US-USSR Trade and Economic Council, which concluded yesterday with a resolution intended to increase pressure on Washington to end some trade restrictions with Moscow.

"There remain more than a few unresolved problems in commercial-economic relations between our countries," the council said. "On this point, we declare decidedly in favour of granting to the USSR most-favoured-nation status and in favour of extending to the USSR export credits."

The resolution reflected the call made earlier in the week by Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, who demanded in a televised speech to the US delegation that the Reagan Administration dismantle what he described as "political obstacles" to increased trade between the countries.

## Minimal powers granted Euro-MPs angry at result of summit

From Richard Owen, Strasbourg

There was a powerful current of anger running through the European Parliament yesterday over the failure of the EEC summit in Luxembourg last week to grant the Parliament more than minimal powers.

But, as M. Jacques Delors, president of the Commission, noted during a break in proceedings, there was also a strong tendency toward compromise on the grounds that the Luxembourg summit on institutional reform at least had taken a step towards greater democracy in the EEC as it becomes the Community of 12 states 30 years after its foundation.

The desire to avoid confrontation was underlined by suggestions from some MEPs, notably Conservatives, that the parliament should also meet the Council of Ministers halfway over the 1986 budget.

The budget crisis reached its final stages yesterday as EEC budget ministers came to Strasbourg for a special meeting on the eve of today's crucial vote.

The Luxembourg summit achieved a closely fought compromise between maximalist states such as Italy and minimalist states like Britain and Denmark by agreeing on moves towards monetary union and the completion of the internal market by 1992, as well as majority voting to speed up decision-making and slightly increased delaying powers for the European Parliament.

Italy accepted this formula, which leaves the Council with the last word, only if the Parliament also did so.

**'Radical change' claimed**

The Luxembourg Prime Minister, Mr Jacques Santer, and the Foreign Minister, Jacques Poos, went before the Assembly to persuade MEPs that the reform package was acceptable as a step forward.

Mr Santer, summing up Luxembourg's presidency of the Council over the past six months (it passes to Holland in January), went so far as to describe the formula offered as "a radical change in decision-making".

But many MEPs remained bitterly disappointed, including Signor Altiero Spinelli, the

Italian MEP and architect of EEC reform. He said the Luxembourg summit had failed to come up with the necessary solutions, and urged MEPs to reject the package as inadequate.

**Warnings over Brussels power**

The solution suggested by Conservative MEPs - that the Parliament should reserve judgement and seek clarification from next week's meeting of European foreign ministers in Brussels - was greeted by M Delors as responsible and sensible.

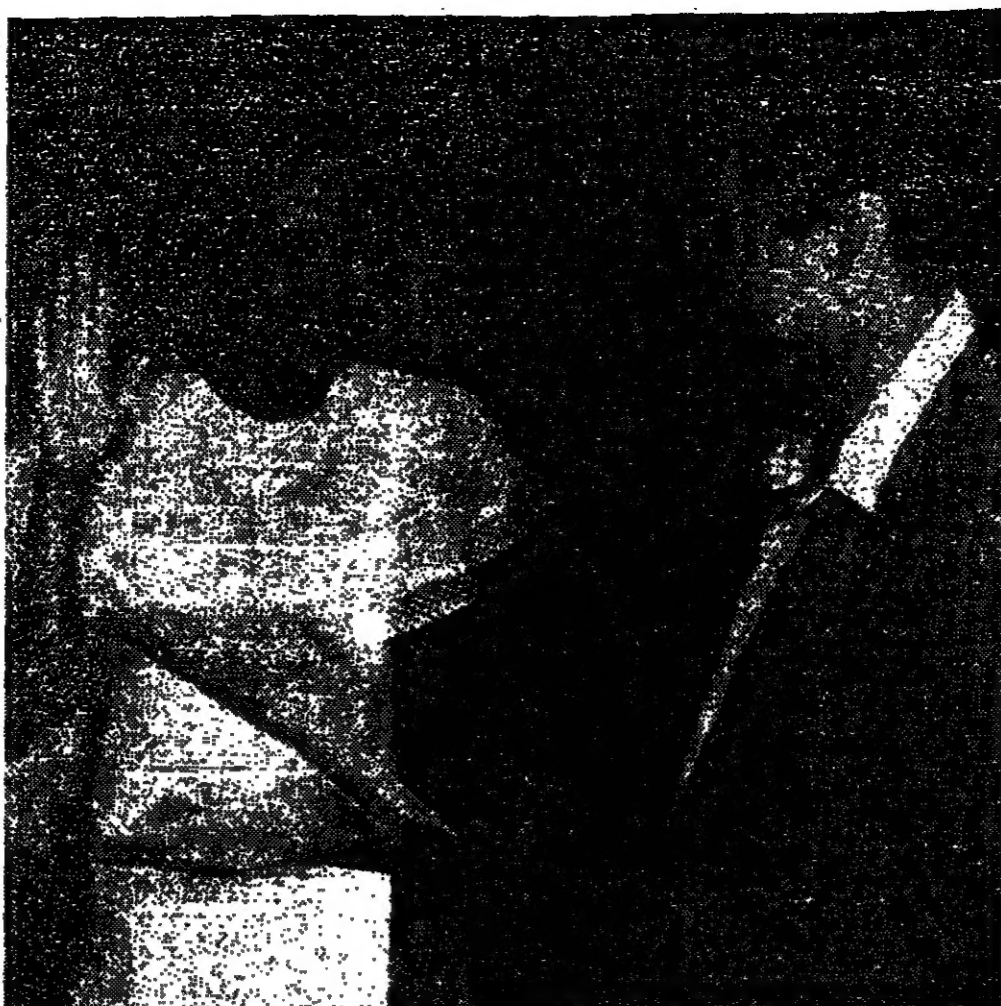
A passionate exponent of European unity, M Delors said the package was imperfect, not least because of national exemptions for Britain and Ireland over border controls and the failure to harmonize taxes or insurance, but the EEC could not expect miracles.

Some MEPs said power was passing swiftly from national parliaments to Brussels without democratic controls and Strasbourg needed greater powers to supervise the Brussels bureaucracy. The Parliament at present has few powers except over the annual budget, over which it stages an annual crisis.

Following the Council of Ministers' decision two weeks ago to concede some of the Parliament's demands for extra spending to meet the cost of enlargement next year and debts from the past on regional spending, many MEPs were in mood to take what M Delors called a "sensible" view. But a powerful lobby of Euro-MPs remains dissatisfied with the council's concessions and argues that the EEC should add some £500 million more to the 1986 budget.

**Dutch challenge**

The Dutch grandmaster, Jan Timman, has qualified for the semi-finals of the World Chess Championship candidates' competition, the only non-Russian still with a chance of challenging for the world title at the end of 1986. He beat the Russian former champion, Mikhail Tal, on a tie-break in Montpellier, France.



Minnie Osmeña-Stuart, granddaughter of former President Osmeña of the Philippines, taking an oath after filing her candidacy for the vice-presidency.

## Maverick to fight poll with Marcos

From Keith Dalton, Manila

President Marcos of the Philippines was proclaimed yesterday the ruling party's candidate in the February 7 presidential election and chose as his running mate the former Foreign Minister, Mr Arturo Tolentino, whom he dismissed nine months ago for insubordination.

In a televised convention of the KBL party, Mr Marcos announced his choice after ignoring a half-hearted effort to draft his wife, Imelda, as vice-presidential candidate.

A KBL maverick, Mr Tolentino, aged 75, is considered the most independent-minded member of the ruling party and his selection was cheered wildly by 8,000 party members at the convention in a luxury Manila hotel.

"This comes to me as a pleasant surprise," Mr Tolentino said in a brief acceptance speech. "It is a well-known fact that I have from time to time expressed critical views against the position of Mr Marcos... and it is for this reason that I never for a moment thought that I would seriously be considered to be his running mate in the coming elections."

Opposition leaders said the joint ticket was the strongest and most credible Mr Marcos could field and was calculated to dissipate growing opposition to his 20-year-old Government.

## Black shot dead as shop boycott bites

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Consumer boycotts of white-owned shops and businesses by residents of at least 14 black townships in Transvaal have led to clashes with the police and the shooting of a black man.

The fatal shooting occurred last Monday at the entrance of Munsieville, the black satellite township of Krugersdorp, north-west of Johannesburg, where black youths manned roadblocks and searched cars for goods purchased in defiance of the boycott.

According to witnesses, the youths seized and destroyed groceries they found in the vehicles and in some cases assaulted those who refused to hand over their goods.

A black man, identified as Stephen Mashilo, aged 34 and a father of three children, was confronted by the police and accused of threatening shoppers. A shot was fired which hit the man in the stomach, the witnesses said.

The police have confirmed that they shot dead a man in Munsieville "when blacks deprived other blacks of their purchased goods". They claim that the man attacked them with a knife. However, Mr Mashilo's family say he was not involved in the boycott.

In Pretoria, many small businessmen have been badly hit by a black consumer boycott, now in its second week and set to continue into the new year.

## Six British Noes

Britain voted against six anti-apartheid resolutions in the United Nations General Assembly calling for comprehensive sanctions against South Africa and providing for assistance to liberation movements there. (Zoriana Pysarsky writes.) It also abstained on two measures dealing with a convention on apartheid in sports and a UN public information campaign against apartheid.

It was the first time in eight years that Britain had participated in the assembly debate on apartheid with the express intention of giving the process some moderation. But in the end the British Government was unable to vote for any of the resolutions which maintained their usual hard line.

Meanwhile, six Sharpeville residents have been found guilty in the Pretoria Supreme Court of the murder on September 3 of last year of Jacob Dlamini, the township's deputy mayor, who was hacked to death on his own doorstep. Evidence in mitigation of the death penalty, normally mandatory for murder, will be heard tomorrow.

The outbreak of rioting in Sharpeville and neighbouring townships on the day of Mr Dlamini's death, marked the start of the serious unrest which has continued in various parts of the country ever since, taking more than 900 lives.

## Hoyte set for Guyana win as count drags on

From Jeremy Taylor, Port of Spain, Trinidad

Final results due today from Monday's controversial general election in Guyana are expected to produce another massive victory for the ruling People's National Congress (PNC) and President Desmond Hoyte.

Counting has been painfully slow and 24 hours after the poll closed on Monday night preliminary results from only one of Guyana's ten administrative areas were available. They showed 80 per cent of the vote going to the PNC, 11 per cent to the opposition People's Progressive Party (PPP) of Dr Cheddi Jagan, and 9 per cent to the multi-race Working People's Alliance (WPA), which is contesting for the first time. The chief election officers blamed bad weather and poor communications for the delay in transporting ballot boxes to the counting centre.

The leading opposition parties boycotted the counting and have refused to recognize the results in protest at what Dr Jagan called "massive rigging". The counting was being supervised only by PNC agents. Both the PPP and the WPA claim that the Army took control of ballot boxes in some regions, though the Army chief of staff has denied this.

The PPP, which formally withdrew from the election on Monday night, is meeting at the weekend to decide strategy and whether to accept seats it wins.

Dr Jagan said that if the search for multi-party democracy through the ballot box was frustrated, we have to find alternative and legitimate means of mass action to remove this illegitimate and fraudulent government.

The PNC held 41 of the 53 seats in the last National Assembly and the PPP 10. Under its system of proportional representation, Guyana is treated as one constituency; ballot boxes from all districts are counted centrally and are mixed with the votes of 25,000 armed personnel who voted last week.

In the past, the opposition 'chain election' abuses had occurred while ballots were being transferred for counting and through postal proxy and overseas voting systems which are now restricted. Demands for a preliminary count at each polling station have been rejected by the PNC.

Under a 1975 declaration, the ruling party's authority is paramount, and all state institutions, including the election commission and the armed forces, are executive arms of the party.

**Doe lifts curfew**

Monrovia (AP) - General Samuel Doe, the Liberian leader, released 14 people held since the abortive November coup and lifted a night curfew.

## Greenpeace claims bid to sabotage flagship

Greenpeace yesterday said the engine of its protest flagship had been sabotaged. (Hugh Clayton writes.)

The ocean-going tug Greenpeace was berthed at Sydney, Australia, preparing to sail to the Antarctic to declare the continent a "world park" in defiance of conflicting national territorial claims from several countries, including Britain.

Greenpeace said the crew found a generator valve had been opened and the oil drained away, and wires operating an automatic cut-off had been cut.

## Glittering gift

New York (AP) - The "Brazilian Princess", the world's largest cut gem, has been given to the American Museum of Natural History by an anonymous donor. The 946 topaz is the size of a large grapefruit.

## DeLorean ruling

Somerville, New Jersey (AP) - A state judge granted John DeLorean's former wife custody of their two children, but upheld a disputed pre-nuptial agreement allowing the former car maker to keep an estimated \$10 million in assets he took into the marriage.

## Merger rebuff

Cairo (AP) - Colonel Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, offered Sudan \$3 billion in exchange for an immediate merger with his country, but Sudan's new military Government refused, the state-run weekly magazine *Ahker Saa* said.

## Military pledge

Guatemala City (AP) - Guatemala's outgoing military strongman, General Oscar Mejia Vides, said the armed forces that have ruled for almost 30 years will obey the civilian Government elected on Sunday.

## Bail refused

Madrid (AP) - A judge has refused bail for *Señor Jose Maria Ruiz Mateos*, the former head of Spain's largest holding company, *Ruiz-Mateos*, under investigation over financial wrongdoings in the company.

## Swiss choice

Bern (Reuters) - The Swiss Parliament elected Mr Alphonse Egli as President and Mr Pierre Aubert as Vice-President for 1986, despite opposition to Mr Aubert's work as Foreign Minister.

## Mayor jailed

San Diego, California (Reuters) - Roger Hedgecock, aged 39, the mayor of San Diego, was sentenced to one year in jail for conspiring to accept illegal campaign contributions and falsifying financial disclosures. He will serve his time repairing roads and on other civic jobs.

## Hunt ends

Karlsruhe (Reuters) - Martin Thiel, aged 25, one of West Germany's most wanted urban guerrilla suspects, has surrendered, the Federal Prosecutor said.

## Power crisis

Islamabad (AP) - Shops and businesses in many parts of Pakistan were ordered to limit working hours as the Government imposed stringent power cuts to deal with an electricity shortage.

## Assisi bombs

Assisi, Italy (AP) - Police said they had no clue to who planted two bombs, one of which exploded, causing minor damage, in churches dedicated to St Francis.

## Correction

The "stage managing" of the myth of the Pasionaria in Spain, mentioned on December 9, should have been attributed to *Señor Gerardo Iglesias*, Secretary-General of the rump Communist Party, not to *Señor Santiago Carrillo* and *Señor Ignacio Gallego*.

## Ugandan troops accused of kidnapping girls

Kampala (AFP) - Uganda Army soldiers have looted a Roman Catholic mission, assaulted civilians and abducted a number of young girls from Mpigi district near here, eyewitnesses said yesterday.

The girls were among displaced people who had earlier sought refuge at the mission in Konge parish, about 18 miles south west of Kampala, to escape Army harassment.

After the incident, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) assisted in the emergency evacuation from Konge of hundreds of women, girls and small children, some of those evacuated said here yesterday.

They were taken to Kampala in a convoy of three Red Cross trucks accompanied by Kampala auxiliary Bishop Mathias Sekamanya, and spent the night in Kampala's Rubaga Cathedral.

"The soldiers came yesterday morning and started picking out the young girls and beating other people up, telling them to return to their homes," said one

of the women evacuated from Konge. "Some of the girls they took were just 13 years old, and when they could not find any more, they started coming for the older women."

The parish priest, Father Charles Sekiyonga, was harassed, some of his personal property taken and the parish offices disturbed, he said.

The women from Konge yesterday expressed fears for the safety of male relatives who had not been allowed on the Red Cross trucks and who were left behind as priority had been given for the evacuation of women and children.

They said that everyone left behind had fled the mission, fearing that the soldiers would return after the church and ICRC officials had left with the women and children. The parish priest was among those evacuated, however. The soldiers' rampage and the emergency evacuation followed an intervention last week by the army's commander, Lieutenant-General Baziilo Okello, over an earlier incident in the area.

## Resistance to 'iron fist' policy Palestinians in Israel jail hunger strike

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Up to 1,500 Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails were continuing to refuse food yesterday in protest at what they claimed to be a new regime of harsh treatment.

According to lawyers representing the prisoners, an "iron fist" policy has been introduced progressively in the jails since the exchange of 1,150 inmates last May for three Israeli prisoners of war.

The hunger strikers are said to object in particular to being made to stand for morning roll call. Last September a jail riot over this was put down by border guards using tear-gas grenades when prisoners threatened to set fire to their cells.

A further complaint is that Palestinian women are being locked up with women criminals rather than being kept apart as political prisoners.

The "political prisoner" status is not recognized by the Israeli authorities for the Palestinians, all of whom have been sentenced in courts for criminal offences.

Overcrowding in prisons where large numbers of Palestinians are held is particularly bad, even by the generally low Israeli standard. Often there is insufficient room even for beds and inmates have to sleep on mattresses on the floor.

Refusal by Palestinians to work on the ground that the work helps the Israeli economy, means that many of them are left in their cells for more than 21 hours a day.

How long the present hunger strike has been going on is not clear. According to a Palestinian source, most of those involved in four prisons have been refusing food for seven days, while others have joined since the weekend.

According to the Prison Authority here, hunger strikes are staged by prisoners to attract public attention only after a secret board of food has been hidden in a cell. On his occasion a search of the cells on Monday discovered a large quantity of cakes, sandwiches, drinks and sweets.

"Only after all the food was taken out of the cells, was the prisoners' fast defined as a hunger strike," Mr Rafi Suissa, the Prison Commissioner, said. "It started from the moment the search was over and the food was taken out."

He said the prisoners' demands were ridiculous. "They contain more than just hints at an attempt at obtaining autonomy in the management of prisons and their daily functioning, including involvement in the decision-making process."

## Gunmen breach Beirut security plan

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

Down on the Corniche, the Druze took down their sand-bagged emplacement and pulled their red flag with its crossed pop, pickaxe and gun from the front of their local headquarters, the abandoned and unfinished concrete tower that was once to have been the Beirut Sheraton Hotel.

Not long after dawn, two muddy armoured personnel carriers, loaded with government troops, drove slowly down the grubby seashore, escorting two police Land-Rovers. Mr Rashid Karam's latest security plan had started.

supposed to put away their guns - no-one, after all, hands them over to the law - and dismantle their roadblocks.

Ostensibly, that is just what happened. But by late afternoon the gunmen had snatched back onto the streets, not too ostentatiously, sometimes only on a shopping expedition. The soldiers ignored the gunmen; the gunmen ignored the soldiers. Which is pretty much what had happened before the Prime Minister's security plan went into effect.

Christians freed: Two prominent Christians were released unharmed last night, four days after they were kidnapped in mainly Muslim west Beirut (Reuters reports).

Dr Munir Starnina, 58, an American University Hospital doctor and Mr Joseph Salam, a businessman, were freed at the home of Sheikh Muhammad Fadallah, a senior Shia Muslim cleric associated with the pro-Iranian fundamentalist Hizbollah (Party of God).

An Damascus, Mr Timothy Weston, Minister of State, Foreign Office said yesterday Syria had said "they would do all it could to help secure the release of the British journalist Alec Collett, kidnapped in Lebanon nine months ago."

Mr Collett, who is 63, was abducted in Beirut on March 25 while on a writing assignment for the UN.

## Critical year for Mexico and its leader

From John Carlin, Mexico City

At the halfway point in President de la Madrid's term, he and his Government have become fixed in the popular consciousness as inert and indecisive. The Government's credibility could not be much lower.

Three years into his administration, the principal targets the President set for his country's dangerously debt-ridden economy have palpably not been met, alarming foreign bankers and causing nervousness among Mexico's ever-wary American neighbours.

To combat inflation and restore order to the crippled economy he inherited in December 1982 were the objectives he set himself.

But inflation is now at 60 per cent and even government officials are saying privately that next year it will be higher. Capital flight has been massive in recent months, forcing a dramatic drop in the value of



Señor de la Madrid: accused of inertia.

the peso, a reflection of waning confidence in the Government's policies. Even the most publicly optimistic Cabinet ministers are saying that 1986 will be a critical year.

to believe the problems of the Mexican economy are beyond solution, raising the fear that, sooner or later, it will not be able to meet the payments on its \$96 billion (\$64 billion) debt.

In a recent speech the Finance Minister, Señor Jesús Silva Herzog, warned Mexicans that "austerity" was still the Government's recipe for getting out of the crisis. Yet he also issued a warning to international banks.

"Paying the debt cannot be above the fundamental need of nations. The first and only responsibility of democratic governments is to their communities."

Interest payments of about \$12 billion next year will swallow up, according to government figures, nearly half the budget.

An increasingly impoverished, once-pampered population, accustomed to the easy wealth oil used to provide - is growing increasingly restless as the call by the left for a confrontation with the banks begins to grow in appeal.

But the Mexican private sector and, ironically, the foreign banks themselves, are not satisfied either, feeling that not enough cuts are being made in the public sector, especially in the traditionally vast area of subsidies.

President de la Madrid has his back to the wall. He knows that attempts to reduce a public-sector deficit running at 10 per cent of the gross domestic product might pose grave political risks. On the other hand, if he fails to balance his books, he knows the economy will continue to limp on indefinitely - going from bad to worse.

The government's apparent unwillingness to take the bull by the horns, and offer instead what are widely seen to be tired old formulas, has led to a rash of typically vulgar jokes aimed at the President, all making fun of his perceived lack of that most admired of Mexican attributes, manhood, or *machismo*.







# Keeping God's house in order

## The Times Profile: The Church of England Part 2: The future

The Anglican Church's frequent conflict with the State is at odds with its dependence upon Westminster, argues Clifford Longley

The Church of England has to find answers to three of the most difficult questions it has ever faced: whether it should ordain women as priests, whether the Virgin Birth and the Resurrection are obligatory doctrine, and whether to go ahead with Anglican-Roman Catholic unity.

All three are on the agenda of the General Synod for the next five years, and are causing anxiety in the parishes with growing polarization of opinion. In each case, some faction or other is using language like "the end of the road", "the last straw", "the edge of the abyss".

Meanwhile the church's sense of insecurity will not be helped by the inevitable annual round of statistics of church membership, showing further falls in the numbers baptised, confirmed and married in the church, and attending services each Sunday. But somehow the morale of the active church-going section of the population, and of the clergy particularly, has learnt to insulate itself from the impact of this diminishing statistical base.

If the Church of England can still confidently talk of itself as "the national church" with less than 3 per cent of the population regularly attending its services, it can maybe still talk like that with less than 2 per cent, or 1 per cent. The church could in fact survive with zero per cent, for it has the buildings, the manpower, and the money. At some point, however, the nation may begin to ask why one particular (and declining) organization should speak of itself so.

Opinion polls suggest, nevertheless, that the public likes the arrangement: it is reassuring to know the Church of England is there. Even if no use is made of its facilities nor credence given to what it stands for, "C of E" remains what the majority of English people call themselves if asked. It is an attitude which ranks the church among the public utilities, like gas or electricity, or occasionally among the emergency services, like the police or fire brigade.

It is, in some sense, "free", and provided by the state. As such, it ought to be on the Government's hit list for privatization, but the temptation has been resisted in

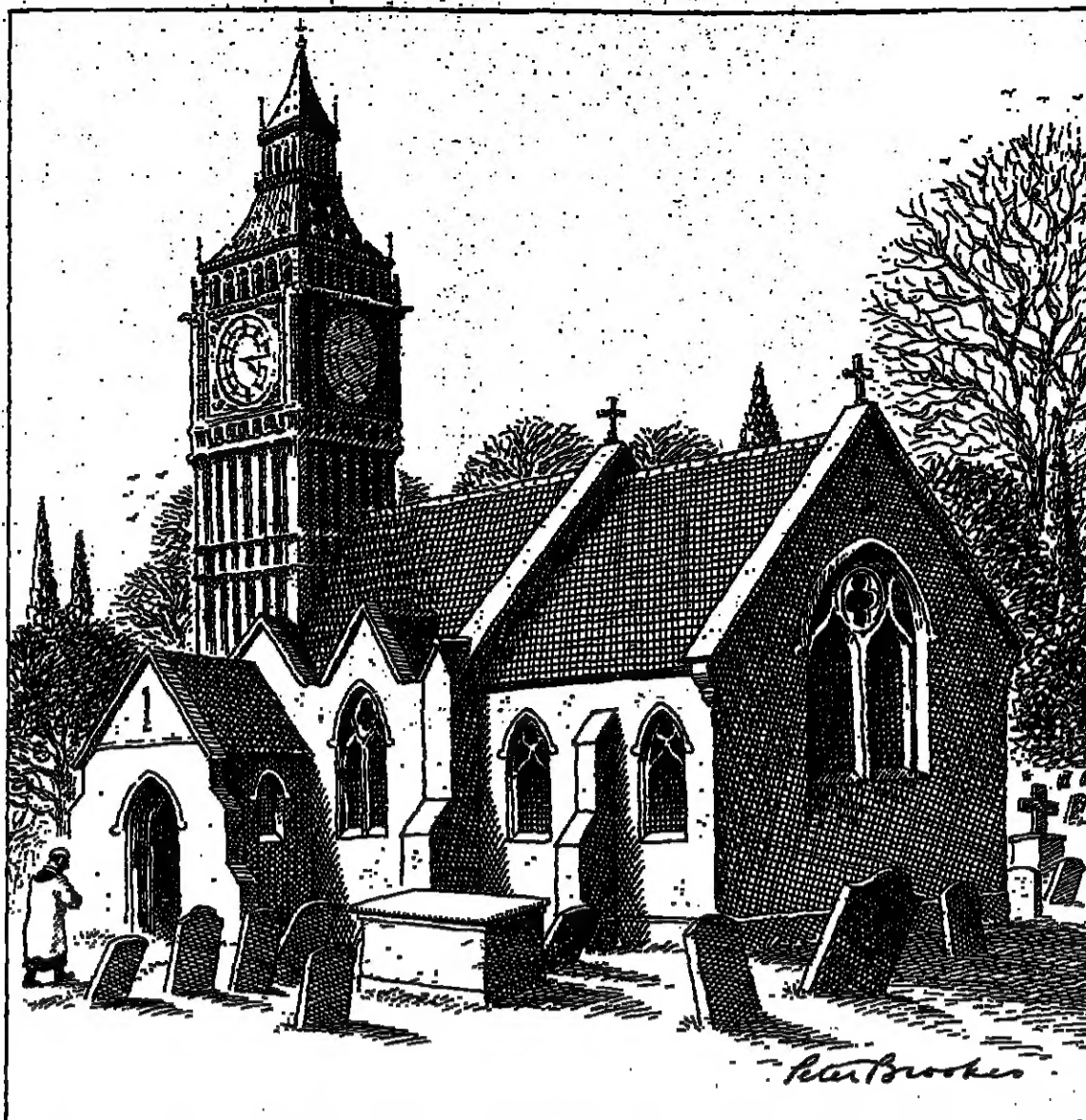
Westminster so far. Every confrontation between the church and the Government, however, widens a little further the fatigue fracture in the church-state relationship, making the unthinkable questions of 10 years ago that little more thinkable.

The church itself is likely to be more preoccupied with the immediate issues. It is anybody's bet whether it will or will not finally approve the innovation of women priests: whatever it does, however, a lot of its clientele is going to be disgusted. The Bishop of London has talked of a split, with the opponents of women priests running a rival church. Which of the two will be entitled to call itself the Church of England will be a lawyer's nightmare, and goldmine.

It is more clear how the church will try to settle the quarrel over fundamental doctrine, as raised by the Bishop of Durham's consecration last year. The House of Bishops is already working on an agreed statement, and the indications are that the Bishop of Durham will be able to sign it. That will mean that the lowest common denominator definition of Anglicanism will have been lowered further, to the great distress of the church's conservatives who are already talking of heresy and schism.

On unity with the Roman Catholics, the prayer of the great majority of Anglican churchmen seems to be that the prospect will stay remote, so that they can favour the principle, and vote in favour of it if they belong to some part of the decision-making structure, while never having to live with the consequences. It is the ecumenical version of St Augustine's famous prayer "Make me chaste, Lord, but not today".

On all three issues, the outcome will largely depend on the alliances and in-fighting which goes on between the various parties in the church. The main three are the Evangelicals, the Anglo-Catholics, and the liberals. The Evangelicals are in the ascendancy, with at least half of the students in theological colleges (training for the ministry) of that persuasion. In their purest form they are represented by Dr David Samuel, secretary of the senior Evangelical body, the Church Society. The Anglo-Catholics in their purest form are represented by the Church Union, whose secretary is Father Peter Geldard; and the liberals by the Dean of Emmanuel, the Rev Don Cupitt.



Evangelicals have their own theological colleges, newspaper, missionary society, publishing houses, and organizations. An average Evangelical would not be 100 per cent a "Samuel" man; though he would be a zero per cent "Cupitt" man. It is they who are most upset by the Bishop of Durham. They are mostly prepared to accept the possibility that "Geldard" may have something to offer too, with a long list of reservations and conditions. What matters most to an Evangelical is not the 39 Articles but the Bible. Their favourite adjective for themselves, now, is not "Protestant" nor even "Evangelical" but "Biblical".

Evangelicals have a particular view of the history of the Church of England. There was no important history to speak of between Augustine of Hippo of the fifth century, and Luther of the sixteenth. The Reformation was thus like a line drawn across the page of English history, separating all that went before from all that came after. The English Reformers "got it right", by luck, judgement, or divine favour, and God had chosen the English to be special.

The Settlement of Elizabeth I is what keeps Cupitt, Samuel, and

Geldard in the same church. The formula for religious peace in England was that there should be one national church, and membership was to be compulsory. But it was to have such a wide definition of membership that no one, whatever their religious views, Catholic or Protestant, could object to this enforced participation (they did). It was a unitary theory of church and state, with common citizenship of both and with the sovereign and Parliament in charge. Disloyalty to the church would be construed as disloyalty to the state: so until the 19th century, no Roman Catholic could take a commission in the army, no Nonconformist take a seat in Parliament.

Of the three, only Cupitt represents the Age of the Enlightenment and thereafter. But he stands for an important extension of the concept of Anglicanism, that it should also be a civilized and reasonable religion. It had room for doubt and philosophical speculation as well as for high churchmen and Protestants; and there grew up a new "party" in the church, liberalism. The church emerged as a purely human society of like-minded individuals, not the sort of body that ought to have authority over them. There is no Anglican infallibility.

Anglicans are a bit uneasy about their origins: Henry VIII was not a founding father to be proud of. The Church of England, because it operates without boundaries to the rest of society and without conditions of membership, is washed by the same tides of scepticism and religious uncertainty that have swept through society generally. That applies also to scepticism about the authority of the church.

England's reduced place in the world makes it seem rather far-fetched that this small society of like-minded individuals is the "one true church". So one phrase never heard on Anglican lips is that "the church teaches..." for self-doubt holds it back.

Neither the Archbishop of Canterbury with all the bishops gathered round him nor the General Synod in its most emphatic mood can commit the Church of England to any view on anything. And that fact, which seemed reasonable and necessary when the church and nation were virtually identical and all views were Anglican views, is now a great weakness when the church is one community among many, one more point of view for newspapers to report and governments to listen

too. If it has no point of view, it is not heard. What is heard is the next best thing, the General Synod's view or the view of some board or department, which is instantly open to the challenge of not being representative or of having no authority beyond the merits of its argument.

This is the context in which the Church of England has found itself, on a series of occasions in the 1980s, abused in Parliament and out of favour with the Government and a large section of society for failing to lend approval to the policy of the day. The Archbishop of Canterbury, and the Dean and Chapter of St Paul's, failed to hold a victory service after the Falklands victory, going instead for a rather downbeat ceremony whose message was unclear.

The General Synod has flirted with unilateral nuclear disarmament, compromising eventually with a formula both for and against Britain's nuclear strategy. It had no discernible effect on British policy. Last year it tried the patience of the Government even further, with the Bishop of Durham's famous outburst on the miners' strike and Runcie's subsequent interview in *The Times* implicitly challenging Mrs Thatcher on the eve of the Conservative Party conference.

There have been numerous more minor irritations before and since. But if the theme of these church utterances is clear enough — compromise is better than confrontation — so is the theme of the response from the other side. It is a reaction of annoyed indignation, not so much at the content of the advice offered, but at the fact of its being offered at all. Under the ground rules of Anglicanism, it says, what right has one group to tell another group that its policies are wrong? What superior source of moral judgement has a bishop (appointed on the advice of the Prime Minister) or committee (appointed by an archbishop) that entitles it to pontificate?

That word is the clue. Pontification is by definition a papal function. And Parliament has withheld from the Church of England the papal element in the church's constitution. It is indeed a papal church, but the papacy resides collectively in the sovereign-in-Parliament, not in the bishops in synod. The Pope, in the Church of England, is the collective will which resides in the Palace of Westminster. Westminster exercises the sovereign's judgement, on the sovereign's behalf, as "defender of the faith".

The General Synod remains a subsidiary body, whose power to bind and loose has no sanction until Parliament says so. As late as 1974, for instance, Parliament defined the doctrine of the Church of England to be that which was contained in the Book of Common Prayer, which the church has no power to alter. In 1984, Parliament refused to allow a change in the procedures for the purely nominal election of a new bishop. And the Church of England may not proceed to the ordination of women unless Parliament says so. It is surely obvious that a

Parliament which has refused to grant the church authority to decide its own doctrine, or to tidy its legal procedures, has not granted the church the power to hold forth to it on matters of morality, let alone on economic policy. It is no wonder Parliament is nonplussed by the church's recent record in political controversy. Arrogantly and brashly stated though it sometimes is by the more outspoken Conservative MPs, the underlying reproach: "Why do they think they are?" has a ring of truth.

This is Establishment, at its most subtle and tortuous, and painful for the church. For however right or wrong it may be when it involves itself in the political free-for-all of national debate, it is undeniably a community wrestling with and motivated by strongly felt religious convictions — which is more than can be said for Parliament.

Yet, surprisingly, there is hardly any will in the church to free itself to become autonomous. There is an instinct which draws it back, as if autonomy might somehow cut the throat of what keeps Anglicanism together. Establishment confers status and privilege, and an automatic edge over any other church, particularly the rival Roman Catholic Church, so hard to come to terms with, so confident in its title deeds, so sure it has authority, so glamorous in its mega-star papacy.

Without Establishment, would Anglicanism split or wither; would it find itself? Would it have anywhere to go but back to Rome, the only alternative papacy on offer? Without Parliament and the Crown, is there even such a thing as Anglicanism? What would Samuel, and Geldard, and Cupitt, have in common?

But as it is, the Church of England has an assured future. It has £1.6 billion in the coffers of the Church Commissioners to pay its salaries and stipends; it has a role in the lives of millions, in their marrying and their burying; it has a valuable function, counselling and comforting the distraught and distressed; and it has selfless and dedicated service to offer. It brings religion within reach of millions, and satisfies enough of the people enough of the time to stay in business for a century or more.

What it cannot have, however, is a definition of itself. If its supreme authority, its papacy, is the Parliament of Westminster, then Anglicanism is whatever Parliament cares to say it is. Parliament, in turn, is only the penultimate authority, for the foundation of political power is the electorate, the people of the United Kingdom. In the end, Anglicanism is whatever the nation wants it to be. But it cannot at the same time sit in judgement on the nation. If it wants that right and privilege, it will have to become a church.

### TOMORROW

A Church of contrasts:  
The bishop and  
the curate at home

## The frissons of forecasting

Of all the attempts to predict the weather well ahead, few attract more interest than forecasts of what the coming winter will be like. This year, the cold spells in November have added extra piquancy to this popular speculation.

Folklore abounds with guidance about how to forecast mild or cold winters. Brave folk in the meteorological community are also prepared to chance their reputations by publishing forecasts, while research climatologists probe deep into the workings of the global weather system to see whether reliable seasonal guides can be prepared.

All these efforts rely on the assumption that any sequence of seasonal weather, like this year's miserable summer and brilliant autumn, are part of a pattern and will have a predictable impact in subsequent seasons. Francis Bacon first recorded:

Generally a moist and cool summer portends a hard winter. While for autumn it is said: Clear autumn, windy winter; Warm autumn, long winter.

There are also many country sayings about the erratic arrival of migrating birds.



But the assumption that there are definable sequences in seasonal weather patterns is not supported by local meteorological statistics. Nor is there evidence to justify the countryman's belief that abundant berries is nature's way of providing for a cold winter. Wildlife simply reflects what the weather has been like. So only by finding more sophisticated ways of examining weather patterns can it be decided whether it is possible to make seasonal forecasts.

One attempt at this is to combine available statistics on rainfall and temperature for England and Wales going back

to the beginning of the 18th century with observations about broad atmospheric patterns coupled to the jet stream around the northern hemisphere. For a number of years Robert Riddell, former head of the Meteorological Office's long-range weather forecasting group, together with Ned Davis, a one-time colleague, have published forecasts of this type in the Royal Meteorological Society's magazine *Weather*.

They conclude that for this year a mild wet winter is in store.

A somewhat different approach is used by Professor Davies of Exeter University, who is prepared to publish his predictions in *Weather* as well. He has concluded that the orientation of the circumpolar vortex in the upper atmosphere during October and November is a useful guide to the coming winter. Combining this information with observations about the formation of pack ice in the North Atlantic and sea-surface temperatures in the Caribbean, he also concludes that the coming winter will be mild.

The Meteorological Office takes the view that there is no method of seasonal forecasting that gives a useful degree of success. While it is busy working on the subject because of the huge potential economic value, it has not progressed beyond saying that, only on about one third of occasions, can it forecast something useful. Perhaps folklores should have the last word.

If there is ice in November that will bear a duck. There'll be nothing after but shudge and muck.

Thus traditional wisdom points to a mild winter. But the rug can be pulled from under it by noting that during the past 300 years cold Novembers have been followed by cold winters as often as by mild ones.

W. J. Burroughs

## Jaruzelski — puppet, patriot or politician?

Four years after he declared martial law Poland's leader is trying to step into a statesman's niche. Roger Boyes reports



East meets West: Jaruzelski at the Elysée palace.

likely outcome was a fratricidal war, in which the Soviet Union would have intervened, crushing hopes of even limited economic and political reform for a generation or more. Thus runs the argument, the General not only saved Poland but also the cause of reform.

The general's opponents refuse to accept the view that Poland was "on the brink of anarchy". He had adopted the Soviet perception of Polish events too easily and in leading an Army crackdown served Soviet interests. The most bitter critics go further and claim that the general was acting on orders.

### The general is a batsman who plays for a draw

Most Poles now tend to support the patriot rather than puppet label, but the flaw with both explanations is that they assume a kind of political innocence which the general has never had. The Poles willing to accept him as a true patriot must believe that he was essentially a man of the moment, thrown up by the Polish crisis, reluctantly accepting the premiership in February 1981, even more reluctantly taking over the reins of the Communist Party the following October. The Poles who still think of Jaruzelski in Weinberger's category, as a disguised Russian, must also regard the general as a dupe.

The facts, however, reveal a

command, had started to penetrate public affairs in the early 1970s; these were the seeds of martial law. Already in 1972, a general and a colonel had been seconded to the Ministry of Education and the Warsaw military police had been extending their range well beyond the simple tasks of protecting the Army.

Those promoted into Jaruzelski's closest circle jealously protect the aura around him and try to bolster the image of the patriot. Occasionally they slip out personal data to show that the general is not an automaton: his wife, Barbara, is a lecturer in German at Warsaw University and a former dancer; his daughter, Monika, is a student. He lives modestly in the Warsaw suburb of Mokotów, the holidays in an Army rest house in the Polish lake district.

The fact is that the general has made a political career out of blocking, he is a batsman who plays for a draw. He has outflanked hardliners who, it seems, used the murder of Solidarity chaplain Father Jerzy Popiełuszko, as an attempt to destabilize the Jaruzelski

government. But he has also sent any over-zealous reformers into the political backwash. Visit a Polish ambassador abroad nowadays and one often stumbles against a politician exiled by the general.

Moscow has learned to accept the unorthodox solution to Poland's problems, and has allowed its distrust of "Bolshevik" military men in the Polish establishment. Whatever the general's motives for declaring martial law, Moscow has won the most from it. It has a relatively quiet, relatively stable ally, a solution to the solidarity "counter revolution" bought at no cost to Soviet lives.

Now the general's priority is to build up the prestige of the Communist Party; that is also the wish of Moscow. However unpopular it is there and in Warsaw to quote the late Chinese leader Mao Zedong, his famous lesson has not been forgotten during the rule of Wojciech Jaruzelski: "Power grows out of the barrel of the gun. Our principle is that the party commands the gun and the gun shall never be allowed to command the party".

### CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 824)

- ACROSS  
8 Severe judgment (3,5)  
9 Read furrow (3)  
10 Blooming (9)  
11 Casts off (5)  
13 Gloom (7)  
14 Beguine (7)  
19 Comb prongs (3)  
22 Hatching box (9)  
24 Obscure (3)  
25 Hugo's Valjean novel (3,10)

- DOWN  
1 Speak together (6)  
2 Squire (6)  
3 Sturdy (8)  
4 Punched (6)  
5 Irritate (4)  
6 Not performed (6)  
7 Sandy moors (6)  
12 Strike (3)  
14 Modesty (8)  
15 Rest (3)

### SOLUTION TO No 823

- ACROSS: 1 Shield; 4 Buzzard; 7 Fall; 8 Landfill; 9 Agitate; 13 Vet; 16 Robert; 17 Doe; 19 Workshop; 24 Chaucer; 25 Die  
DOWN: 1 Safe; 2 Heist; 3 Dile; 4 Hinge; 5 Zebra; 6 Ape; 10 Thrup; 11 Tower; 12 Bells; 13 Voodoo; 14 Tree; 15 Trip; 16 Usurp; 20 Ozone; 21 Kiosk; 22 Fame; 23 Kean

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## THE ARTS

Television  
Musical  
match

Art appeared as the enemy of industry in last night's documentary in the series *Queens*. A Cambridge College (BBC2), which followed the fortunes of two undergraduates who shared a love of music.

For William, a grammar-school boy from the Home Counties, music was an entertaining diversion only useful for rounding out the non-essential paragraph of his CV; for Lawrence, from a Liverpool comprehensive, music presumably had greater personal importance since he decided to seek a career with it, though oddly the programme did not attempt to assess his talent or determine what significance performing held for him.

The programme was very much the fable of the grasshopper and the ant, with happy-go-lucky Lawrence singing all term, scoring boring jobs and pinning for his fiancée while neglecting his studies, and studious William slugging on to a good degree and sitting career opportunities to find a job with the Atomic Energy Authority.

Splendid as it was in enjoying the sight of fine old university buildings and enthusiastic young student faces, the programme could have probed its subject more deeply.

Class was virtually a taboo area, with no question asked to discover if Lawrence had mislaid his regional accent en route from his family's council maisonette, or to find out how he responded to the endemic snobbery of his chosen field.

The friendship between the two musicians seemed superficial itself, with the pair asserting that they took the same view of life when they plainly did not, and showing little pleasure in each other's company. It seemed a brief liaison of common interests rather than a marriage of like minds.

Many of the previous institutional portraits by the BBC had been made in the pseudo-cinéma-vérité style made famous by the series *Sailor*. This was one step closer to an authorised documentary with an interviewer who was heard but not seen. Had the programme committed itself more fully to one or other of these styles it could have been more revealing.

Celia Brayfield

After Katharine Hepburn, Cary Grant and a leopard in *Bringing Up Baby* comes a chimpanzee to form another *ménage à trois* in Nagisa Oshima's new film, *Max, mon amour*, now finishing

shooting in Paris:

David Robinson reports

## Masterly touch with monkey business

Oshima on set with everyone's pet

"It's so wonderfully Parisian", exults Serge Silberman, the producer, as he screens the rough cut of *Max, mon amour*, which has a Japanese director, English stars, dialogue and technical expertise, and a Polish-born producer together.

As one of the few truly creative producers, Silberman is an historic figure. He has made only 15 films in 37 years, but they included works like Jacques Becker's *Le Trou*, Jean-Pierre Melville's *Bob le flambeur* and most recently Akira Kurosawa's majestic *Ran*, the Japanese *Leviathan*. The most memorable peak of Silberman's career, however, was his friendship and collaboration with Luis Buñuel, which resulted in the series of films that brought Buñuel his greatest fame and commercial success when he was already in his seventies. Had Silberman not had a serious car accident in 1981, he reckons there would have been at least one more Buñuel picture.

It was during one of his 27 trips to Tokyo in the course of preparing *Ran* that Silberman met Nagisa Oshima. Silberman admired Oshima's films (they include *The Ceremony*, *Empire of the Senses* and *Merry Christmas, Mr Lawrence*), and Oshima knew Silberman's reputation, and particularly the role he played in Buñuel's career. Silberman at once had the idea of a collaboration between Oshima and Jean-Claude Carrière, who had worked on all Buñuel's scripts for Silberman.

They hit it off at once: "We are about the same age and see things the same

way", says Oshima. The script that resulted might well have suited Buñuel himself. It describes the anxieties of a bourgeois but reasonably broad-minded husband when he discovers that his wife is having secret rendezvous with a chimpanzee. The charm of the film is that neither he nor the audience is ever certain just how far matters have gone between the chimp and the discreet and beautiful lady. The rest of the film is about the adoption question and the adjustment of the family and their social circle.

Oshima approaches his bizarre story very much in the spirit of Buñuel, with a direct, classical, uncluttered style. "Too much technique would have made it heavy," the film is comic and ironic, yet (and this is perhaps where a Buñuel treatment would have been different) often very touching when it treats the vulnerability of the animal and the emotional confusions of the characters.

Oshima, Silberman and Carrière were agreed from the start that the husband faced with this curious marital problem had to be British: "A young Niven or Guinness". The choice fell on Anthony Higgins. Charlotte Rampling brings the proper air of mystery to the role of the wife. Oshima was convinced the choice was right when he said to her one day: "This is a very stupid question, but do you like David Bowie?"

"Yes, but why do you ask?" "Because I find you very much like."

"Yes, I know."

They are both, Oshima explains, "A bit of a kind of angel creature. Also they are both very direct and simple. They don't really act, they are themselves. I prefer to cast people for what they are rather than ask them to play roles."

The casting of *Max* the chimpanzee was vital. Oshima soon discovered that real chimpanzees are unpredictable and dangerous, so turned to a British team of technical wizards, and to Elsa Burke, a dancer and acrobat who played one of the monkeys in *Greystoke*.

On screen this amazing simian performance appears absolutely effortless. Behind the scenes Max requires a personal team of seven to supervise dressing, make-up and the mechanical operation of various features and limbs. "Max has a strange effect on the crew. The moment he comes on the set they are all more quiet and considerate, because they know Elsa has a more difficult job than any of them."

"Fifteen years ago when I made *The Ceremony* I never imagined it possible that I would work in Europe." The most striking change in Oshima over the past five years is his newly-acquired and quite unimpaired command of English. "Merry Christmas, Mr Lawrence was a wonderful English lesson, though rather a costly one."

He finds no problems in the transition from Japanese to European studios. "All over the world technical people have the same faces, and the

sound men are always as nervous." He was apprehensive about working with the great veteran director of photography Raoul Coutard. "I thought he would be a temperamental artist; but he turned out to be wonderfully kind and helpful, with an absolutely artisanal approach."

The big difference is the hours. "In Japan we work from nine to five with an hour for lunch. Here they start with lunch at 11, then work through from 12 to 7.30. Not at all like England with all your refreshment breaks. English film crews are always eating. The French are always kissing each other."

The crew in turn was surprised by Oshima's working method. He shoots swiftly and decisively and has to do more than one take of anything. "In real life you only live each moment once. I want to get it right the first time." He rehearses the actors very little, and never for close-ups. "If you choose the right actors you can trust them." He hired an animal expert for a scene with dogs. "He wanted to rehearse. I told him, 'If you're an expert you don't need to rehearse. That's why I hired you.' He turned quite white, but he did it without rehearsing, and the dogs were perfect every time."

This week Oshima is shooting the last full-in shot, and will finish ahead of his 13-week schedule. Long shoots bore him. "Buñuel was just the same", says Silberman, who may, one feels, at last have found a director to take the place of his lamented old friend and best collaborator.



## Dance

London  
Contemporary  
Sadler's Wells

This week's programme by London Contemporary Dance Theatre at Sadler's Wells shows a practical response to the high cost of musicians. The evening begins with solo piano, Eleanor Alberga playing John Adams's *Phrygian Gates* to accompany Siobhan Davies's *New Galileo*. She is joined by Nicola Lewis, violin, and Caroline Dale, cello, for Christopher YOUNG's *Shadows in the Sun* which is set to music by Frank Bridge (Trio No 2 and some shorter works). Finally, Barry Guy plays his own *Statements II* for double bass on stage for Robert Cohan's *No Man's Land*.

Musically it is an interesting as well as economical evening: from a particularly lively example of minimalism, through lyricism, to sounds which some people might describe unkindly as diabolical. Perhaps that quality is what inspired Cohan to choose the story of Orpheus and Eurydice as his starting point.

As narrative it is perfunctory, and Cohan cheats the ending even more outrageously than Offenbach did, but with an athletic Orpheus in Patrick Harding-Irmer, a supple Eurydice in Lauren Potter, and high

camp designs by Peter Farmer it makes an effective bit of theatrical hocus-pocus. (Apologies to Mr Farmer, incidentally, whose name was converted by a telephone line to Palmer in Monday's *Nutcracker* notice from Manchester).

In *New Galileo*, the drama comes entirely from the dance images of exploration, enhanced by the simple, imaginative design of David Buckland and Peter Mumford which, like the whole evening, makes much play with light. This abstract dance piece is the most satisfying of the evening, given concentration.

*Shadows in the Sun* takes characters from *Women in Love* but tries to echo "the universality of Lawrence's themes". Andrew Storer's designs follow this inflated vagueness: a real door is placed in a wishy-washy background of horizontal coloured strips: Never-Never-Land.

In this context, or lack of it, choreographic ingenuity and the intense, dedicated playing of a strong cast go for very little. Various confrontations snatch momentary attention but the relationships do not build. When Harding-Irmer and Charlotte Kirkpatrick suffer their closing agonies, it seems a contrived tragedy comes from nowhere.

John Percival

## Concerts

LPO/Rattle  
Festival Hall

The great performers are those who can grasp difficult music so completely that it sounds utterly natural, and exudes easy music so thoroughly that it begins to sound rather strange. Simon Rattle did both on Tuesday in a splendid concert with the London Philharmonic Orchestra that put Berg's Violin Concerto alongside Rachmaninov's Second Symphony, which might have seemed an exceedingly unlikely coupling had one not had the warning of Mr Rattle's recording of the Rachmaninov.

When the history of twentieth-century music next comes to be rewritten, it will have to find a place for this towering work, whose Romantic effusiveness is, as Mr Rattle showed on record and again here in the hall, deeply qualified by self-consciousness.

Normally in Rachmaninov, of course, one just hears the emotion, which is there in every turn of phrase. Mr Rattle does not stint it - quite the reverse - but all the six-note floods of passion are brought into very much longer, meandering lines.

In the opulent trio section to the scherzo, for instance, the violins are hardly allowed a pause for breath from one end to the other, with the result that the music makes all its expressive points but at the same time seems curiously disjointed and disquieting in its looping from one emotional state to another.

What Mr Rattle also brings out, to rather similar effect, is the extent to which Rachmaninov's movement depends on ostinato, and again the cue is obvious in the music once it has been heard: the opening of the finale is a case in point, soaring itself up to get going. There is massive exhilaration in this as Mr Rattle plays it (and as the LPO played it on Tuesday), but the sense of a giant machine at play must leave one a little more doubtful of the genuineness of what it says.

Command of ostinato (in the catastrophe movement), of line and of texture also made Mr Rattle's a memorable accompaniment for Kyung-Wha Chung's totally persuasive limpet grip on the solo part in the Berg. Attentive to detail, she was never deflected from the larger implication, the stronger theme.

Paul Griffiths

Vienna CO/  
Entremont  
Queen Elizabeth Hall

For all the imperfections that still pervade period-style performances of Mozart, one thing can usually be said of them that could not really be said of the Vienna Chamber Orchestra's concert devoted to that composer on Tuesday. They at least show some positive interest in Mozart's music. Here our visitors, who were playing under the direction of Philippe Entremont, seemed content to rest upon the laurels of their admittedly formidable technique and lush sound; little imagination was brought to bear upon the music at all.

No work suffered more from the Symphony No 28 in C, a piece which though slightly overshadowed by its numeric successor nevertheless has much more to say than it was here allowed. The Andante and Menuetto were

both treated heavily-handedly, and the orchestra's preference for homogeneity meant that in the latter movement even the horn solos lacked that vital raw edge to their sound. And the finale, though it was fast and crisp, was a tale of fury rather than sparkling celebration.

Entremont was himself the soloist in the Piano Concerto in E flat, K271. With its strings open to the skies (or at any rate the spotlights) and its keyboard facing the audience, the piano sounded strangely muffled, as if the soloist's left foot were permanently depressing the soft pedal. It was not, I hasten to add, but that did not prevent the performance from lumbering rather, despite some nice touches of detail from oboes and horns and a finale in whose faster sections the music really did glitter for once.

Of *Eine kleine Nachtmusik* and the Divertimento in F, K138, there is nothing whatever, alas, to say.

Stephen Pettitt

## Rock

Sister Sledge  
Hammersmith Odeon

Considering their progress through so many institutions, it is surprising that the four Sledge sisters remain such apparently ingenuous performers and individuals. Their time in the early 1970s as session singers at Sigma Studios, home of Gamble and Huff's stylish Philly Sound, and their subsequent emergence as stars of the fashionable Bernard Edwards/Nile Rogers Chic Organization in 1979, may have knocked their singing into shape, but did little to sharpen their dress sense, and, judging by Kathie's alluring state of *dishabille* at this performance, the days when the sisters sang in church in their hometown of Philadelphia are well and truly over.

Although following the recent chart-topping success of the banal "Frankie", the show was not sold out and had an air of the low-budget production; there did not seem to be enough spotlights to keep track of the four singers, the PA was prone

to making inappropriate noises during the quieter passages, and a horn section would have been a beneficial addition to the five-piece backing band.

Undeterred, the sisters turned the performance into the kind of party for which their disco-based easy-dancing soul music provides such a suitable soundtrack. As with all good parties, there was a bit of fun, as when Joni invited a fan, who had painted her portrait, on to the stage and sang "You Need Me" with her arms wrapped round his stiff shoulders. There was even a Christmas singalong, a rather feeble "Silent Night" coaxed from a reticent audience.

Despite these moments of extreme kitsch there were some strong sections as, roving the stage in a lively, unregimented fashion, they sang most of their British hits and many of the songs from their current album, *When the Boys Meet the Girls*. The title track found them at their best, with the four voices expertly harmonizing in call and response sequences.

David Sinclair

## Theatre

The Cherry Orchard  
Cottesloe

If one purpose emerges from Mike Alfreds's superb, multifaceted production it is a determination to save *The Cherry Orchard* from falling into premature elegiacs. The besetting sin of English performances of Chekhov is that the final fate of the characters is telegraphed so poignantly in the opening scenes that your emotions have been drained dry long before the end.

There is no danger of such a response on this occasion, with the sound of the family's approaching ruin ringing with one of those Sekacz's waxes outlives the bleak Lopakhin staggers on, massaging a leg that has gone to sleep. The remission is a thunderous off-stage celebration, and, when the group comes into sight, generalized good cheer is already giving way to the comic frictions of old acquaintance.

Dunyasha and Anya are locked in an ecstatic embrace, but as soon as Dunyasha mentions her latest affair of the heart Anya - still wreathed in smiles - detaches herself from the silly servant girl. From the start, Edward Petherbridge's Gayev is an icily self-regarding figure, treating Lopakhin with fastidious disdain.

This is the most passionate performance of the play I have seen. It is not so much that Mr Alfreds's company unearth many fresh points in the text (though Yasha's last act of theft of the 400 roubles is one of several justified novelties), but that they push the familiar details beyond the expected limits.

When Petherbridge has lost his money in the ball scene,



Totally sympathetic Ian McKellen's Lopakhin

it is usual, for the actor to register distress, go through his pockets, and find the cash. But when Roy Kinnear arrives at this moment it is as though his whole world has gone up in flames. He searches his pockets, he ransacks the room, he dodges along the dancers as if about to kiss them; and, when he at last finds the money, it brings back the threat of a heart-attack with which his scene opened.

Passion, the impulse to push a moment to the absolute limit, repeatedly leads to the creation of such beautiful self-contained patterns. Ian McKellen's Lopakhin, in the opening reunion, pledges his devotion to Ranyevskaya by taking both her hands and lifting her into an impromptu dance, thrilling with pleasure when she says "I love you" - only to find that she is addressing the book-case.

And after he embarks on the idea of selling the estate, unaware that the air is turning to ice, even he has to acknowledge his defeat when the family turn away from him with a shared gasp of delight as Firs rambles off into his account of jam-making in the old days.

As for showmanship, observe

the ball scene, with every couple in character (Yasha's hand firmly planted on Dunyasha's rump), and the conjuring of Julie Legrand's Charlotta - expanded from the third act to magic tricks with Gayev's book-case, and a personal performance that showers the entranced Firs with glitter-dust as they sit together on the rustic bench.

As for the production's line of thought, it appears from the casting that a firm division is being made between those who have some business in the world and those who have not. Most obviously is this the case with McKellen's Lopakhin, a figure sometimes given to laughing and bending his knees at his own boorish jokes, but otherwise a totally sympathetic person.

At the opposite end of the scale is Laurence Rudge's Trofimov - a deadly portrait of

an ageing radical - whose pretence to idealism masks the desire to impose his will on others. When he launches into lectures for his pupil, Anya, you can imagine the Moscow professors whose grimaces he is imitating.

Sheila Hancock's Ranyevskaya is the only doubtful piece of casting. What comes over is a deeply troubled woman who goes through life putting on a cheerful front; and who responds to awkward questions by a swift return to flirtatious evasions.

Paul Dart has designed the nursery in lightweight furnishings, in dust-like monochrome, backed with delicate white hangings which finally flutter down as the axes bite into the trees.

Irving Wardle

The Birdwatcher  
Royal, Winchester

This theatre's connections have laboured for 12 years to fund its refurbishment, which turns out to be as handsome as was their hospitality at Tuesday evening's reopening. It seems a shame that such application should be crowned with a dud production from Century Theatre's touring company.

Feydau is nothing if not played briskly and to the hilt, with the characters writhing between the cogs of the plot's relentless clockwork: the least uncertainty of pace sends the mechanism flying apart. Paul Gibson's production of Richard Cottle's translation comes across as an historical curiosity, *belle époque* candyfloss in aspic, with jokes going begging down wintry descenders.

The *Birdwatcher*'s major running joke, the drive wheel from which the others take their momentum, is that game old pack-horse of classic farce, thwarted adultery. A young doctor-poet named Morice declares his passion for Leonie, the hitherto faithful wife of his best friend Duchotel whom

we first see packing to leave for a weekend's shooting. Morice tries to persuade her of her husband's infidelity, but it is only when Duchotel's supposed host says an unexpected call that she accepts the unpalatable truth and in a fury of rage agrees to an assignation with her admirer.

This being the never-never-land of farce, an enchanted world of unlikely misapprehension and mysteriously sound-proof doors, the would-be lovers find themselves renting a room across the landing from a similar room where Duchotel is canoodling with his own *belle de weekend*. On learning from their landlady that "when a man says he's going hunting, it means he's trying to trap his wife" Leonie suffers an access of remorse and refuses Morice's advances.

Ronald Leek as Morice, Francesa Polan as Leonie and Robert Swinton as Duchotel have a decent grasp of their lines, but their "asides", disastrously, are full-blooded announcements to the house. "Oh my God!" exclaims Mr Swinton. "I've forgotten to put my trousers on!" Well yes, so he has. You can see.

Martin Cropper

## Miller directs in Italy

Jonathan Miller makes his Italian debut as an opera director with *Tosca* at next year's Maggio Musicale in Florence (first night, June 17). The festival director, Zubin Mehta, conducts a cast led by Eva Marton in the title role. It is understood that Dr Miller will update Puccini's opera to the Mussolini era and that the staging will be influenced by Rossini's classic film *Roma, città aperta*.

Mehta will also conduct a new production of *Die Meistersinger*, directed by Michael

Hampe and designed by John Gunter. Lucia Popp sings Eva and Bernd Weikl is the Sachs. No one seems quite sure when *Meistersinger*, which will be sung in German, was last heard in Italy, but estimates suggest that it was more than thirty years ago (first night, June 4).

Other major events include two concerts by the English Chamber Orchestra under Vladimir Ashkenazy and two separate programmes from the Dance Theatre of Harlem. The festival opens on April 29 with Berio's *La vera storia*.

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BOOKS I

# The Bard Unmask'd: Love's Labours

James Fenton reviews the latest products of the Shakespeare industry

SHAKESPEARE'S SONNETS  
Edited by Stanley Wells  
Oxford, £8.95

Suddenly and rather surprisingly the Oxford Shakespeare has hit a squall of controversy, with Gary Taylor's announcement that he's found a new Shakespeare poem. It's not a very good poem, but that, as Mr Taylor points out, makes no difference. Shakespeare had every right to compose the odd bad poem if he wanted to. Indeed, if we are going to be honest with ourselves we shall have to admit that most of us scarcely take a look at Shakespeare poems (sonnets excluded) from one year to the next. We don't like them. We love the songs in the plays, but we don't like things like "A Lover's Complaint".

From off a hill whose concave womb re-worded  
A painful story from a sist'ring vale

The opening alone is enough to put you off.

So, before we get on to Stanley Wells's edition, what about that new poem? My view, in advance of reading the forthcoming TLS in which Mr Taylor is going to explain his reasoning, and somebody else is going to explain why the reasoning is wrong, runs as follows. On the one hand, the discovery would appear to confirm spectacularly the view I have long held: nothing has been lost in art or literature; it is all there, waiting to be rediscovered, and waiting in the most obvious place: the knack is, if you want to make truly important discoveries, to think of what that obvious place might be. The lost manuscript of *The Waste Land* was found in New York Public Library. That seems obvious in retrospect. A lost *Fragrant* was found in the Mentmore sale. The other day an unknown *Hilliard* was found in a frame, correctly labelled, on public view, in a country house. The only trick was to look at it and say: "Gosh, it is a Hilliard".

On this principle, Mr Taylor was quite right in his initial method.

Where are the lost poems of Shakespeare? Well, one place to look is the Bodleian, see what has been attributed to him and say - why not? Look up Shakespeare in the index of first lines. It's a brilliant thing to have thought of doing. I could have thought of it myself. I could be getting all the credit. But I didn't. I walk past the place practically every day and I didn't think of it. It makes me sick.

As against this reasoning however there is the suspicion that what we are dealing with is a case of the Dacre Effect. That is, the problem of hubris whereby an expert comes to believe if I say that this is so, it will become true. The tell-tale evidence here is the fact that, on his own admission, Mr Taylor was in a hurry. He may have made a Gross Error of Judgement.

Identifying Gross Errors of Judgement of this kind is just like identifying a clearly labelled Hilliard. At first you think Mr Taylor would never have made a mistake like that - it's too obvious. Then another voice says: But these things do happen. And one way they happen, classically, is when we are in a hurry. So, to conclude: on the one hand, because of the method used to find the poem, I support Mr Taylor's discovery. I'd rather it was a Hilliard and not a Gross Error of Judgement. On the other hand, the hurry worries me.

Meanwhile Mr Wells has brought out a sober edition of that Great Pyramid of our literature, the Sonnets. It is the most beautifully printed text readily available. It includes four alternative versions of

sonnets existing independently of the Quarto, which is two more than Seymour-Smith has to offer, and it rightly adds "A Lover's Complaint", which - since the Quarto is our only authority - belongs with it. The spelling and punctuation are modernized. Textual variants are given, and there is a brief uncontroverted introduction. But there are no notes, so it is at a disadvantage in comparison with its rivals.

What rivals are we talking about? Undoubtedly the backpackers' edition of the Sonnets, the one to take with you as you stomp down the Andes, is still the Signet Classics edition. This is because it has Auden's introduction as well as an essay by Empson, and enough notes to help you over the most obscure words. People can be very vain about their ability to understand Shakespeare. Don't be vain, accept the fact that words have changed in meaning and that you're going to need some help. Just "listening to the majesty of his music" is not enough. And it currently costs £1.90.

The next in price - a quid more - is Martin Seymour-Smith's Poetry Bookshelf edition, available from Heinemann. This has old spelling although not old typography, and the punctuation has been left alone. There are none of those zippy little hyphens.

A woman's face with nature's own hand painted,  
Hast thou the Master-Mistress of my passion...

Is that clear? Are you worried by "Haste"? Or would you prefer to read it like this:

A woman's face with nature's own hand painted  
Hast thou, the master-mistress of my passion...

This is the way Mr Wells and most modernizing editors prefer to give it, but I think that, although the hyphenation of master-mistress makes one kind of reading clear, it is fairly over-directive. The young man of the sonnets becomes a man-woman. I think I would rather make up my own mind on this point. Seymour-Smith gives plenty of notes and background. If that's not enough, you go on to the Ingram and Redpath edition, but by now you are no longer backpacking. You are at your desk. As far as I can see, the only reason for buying the Oxford edition would be if, having just studied the sonnets, you wanted a clean text to refresh the eye. But this is rather a specialized requirement.

Finally, there is the question of the identity of the young man. I direct the reader's attention to sonnets 153 and 154. Auden points out that these make a feeble conclusion to the series and that they are two versions of the same idea. In my view the feebleness stems from the fact that they are intended as cryptograms. They tell a story in which Cupid's fire is put into a fountain which becomes a seething bath (153) or a well becomes a bath (154). There is clearly a reference here to Bath and Wells.

Could it be that Shakespeare, in addition to his other misfortunes, had fallen in love with the Bishop of Bath and Wells? And that the Bishop's morals were as lax as those of the young man? Other bishops have been known to slip up in this way, and so have many curates.

Or could it be that the two sonnets form a signature to the series, the Bishop of Bath and Wells wanted to publish these lascivious works and palmed them off as those of Shakespeare? That too is possible. It would be interesting to know the name of the then incumbent. I hope this theory is original. I know I am publishing in a hurry. But I want to get it into print before Mr Taylor.



## Ice-cold, astringent talent

### POETRY

Robert Nye

Someone once said that in the poems of Geoffrey Hill warmth is like a dying sun seen through a wall of ice. Now I think Hill would not be displeased by this criticism, so long as it was conceded that the wall of ice is of his own making - in other words that it is itself the intricate, brilliant, yet transparent artifice which is the very fabric of his verse. He is a poet who erects verbal constructs between himself and experience, but within the various strict forms of those constructs he refines his thoughts and feelings so astringently that one would be hard put to find a slack line in his collected poems (Penguin, £3.95), an important volume which brings together for the first time his work over three decades.

Cruelled Lord, you swim upon your cross  
and never move. Sometimes in dreams of hell  
the body moves but moves to no avail  
and is at one with that eternal loss.

The mood is again that which Hill attributes to Péguy, of one who is "self-excommunicate but adoring". Such a stance strikes me as worthy of respect, but it has also to be said that it is rather too well, with Hill's tendency to use his mastery of form as an excuse for remaining tight-lipped.

The result is that wall of ice

amounting almost to a pleasure dome of Kubla Khan proportions, over-polished and Parnassian.

Hugo Williams's *Writing Home* (Oxford, £3.95) provides an illuminating contrast. Williams began, I believe, as a minimalist, but in this - his first full-length collection for ten years - he has left coyness and cleverness behind him, no longer demanding that the reader find significance in what he chooses to leave unsaid. In writing about his childhood and adolescence, and particularly in exploring his relationship with his actor father, he achieves a poetry of considerable elegiac tenderness informed and questioned by an intelligence that

might by cynical were it not so palpably committed to its own findings:

Now that I am grown  
Now that I have children of my own  
I offer me their own  
Disappointed obedience  
I feel for them  
Our children left us both  
Because we sat so still  
And were too wise for them  
When they told us their best jokes.

Deep feeling held in check by the need for sanity of expression is at a premium in Douglas Dunn's *Elegies* (Faber, £4), a collection of poems written after the death of his wife in March 1981. The sincerity of this book is beyond criticism, and at its best it merits comparison with that beautiful wealth of poems, written by Thomas Hardy after the death of his first wife, when he found

himself fallen in love with her again as he had not been towards the end of her life. No such ambiguity of emotion complicates Dunn's grief, which is simply profoundly moving in its underlying rage at the horror of a young life destroyed by cancer. Perhaps it is a measure of the success of the poet's achievement that one turns aside from the details of the diagnosis and horrible progress of the disease, too terrible to want to quote in a mere review, to praise the little sequence "Snow Days", in which grief is not so much observed as transcended in a metaphor:

Snow is its own country; and it beckons  
With its white finger crooked, and is calling  
From the hush of its chilled bulk, its tons  
And territories, its white ground falling.

This is without doubt Douglas Dunn's best book, though it seems almost an impertinent insensitivity to pass any kind of judgement on it.

## A plague on all our houses

Iain McGilchrist

THE IMPACT OF  
PLAGUE IN TUDOR AND  
STUART ENGLAND  
By Paul Slack  
Routledge & Kegan Paul, £25

Societies, like stones, crack along their lines of weakness. To a social historian, crises are a golden mine. Reactions to the illuminating superstitions, beliefs, and values; how a government deals with them tests its flexibility and authority; how families and communities respond when governments fail shows, more tragically, the turmoil of those faced with impossible choices.

Yet at the same time much of what a crisis demonstrates is universal: the fact that life is fragile only because we are not made to confront stark decisions between duty and self-preservation. Much of what concerns Paul Slack in *The Impact of Plague in Tudor and Stuart England* is of this universal kind, inviting imaginative sympathy, even topical comparisons - invitations that he, perhaps wisely, refuses.

The Black Death of 1348-52 was the 1st epidemic of plague in Europe for 500 years, and it found priests, doctors, and statesmen unprepared. What happened, and how it is known, New York, tells us that "the gay disease" is nature's revenge on perversity. The closing of the ale-houses, brothels and resorts of the poor, the attempt to close the bath-houses of San Francisco, seemed vindictive to many, yet it had an undeniable impact.

The attempt to understand what it must have been like to confront the fear and uncertainty of every kind which plague induces is rarely glimpsed in this measured account of clerical confusions and mortality figures. Out of two figures live: Jane Jacquet, for example an alien refugee, who, after nursing her plague-stricken family through an epidemic was chased from parish to parish until she became "a mere idle vagrant person, leading a very loose life, making her habitation under bridges and in the woods in the summer time". She seems to have stepped from the pages of Dekker and Defoe - as does Ursula Barrett, a searcher of plague victims, who carried a little girl of eight out of a house, while a neighbour heard her cry. When the neighbour intervened, Barrett shouted: "Hold thy peace and say nothing: I may do as much for thee". At the sight of her winding-sheet the child cried "You shall not put me into a bag as you did my sister". Plague was a nightmare, and the exclusion of the dead behind its iron gates, church bells which after a long epidemic were sometimes simply worn out with ringing and had to be replaced or repaired. Our plague, if it comes will be a silent affair, but with much to tell, no doubt, to a historian of the twentieth century.

## Shakespeare and "Shall I die?"

In the TLS on December 20

Gary Taylor presents for the first time his full, detailed evidence for thinking that the poem is by Shakespeare, and Robin Robbins, a specialist in seventeenth-century literary manuscripts, explains why his case does not stand up.

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## Olé, for those dramatic disunities

Peter Jones

THE GREEK THEATER  
By Leo Aylen  
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Of all Greek inventions, tragedy possibly influences us least. Plots seem artificial, issues remote, characters wooden; their interaction with the gods uneasy; and what on earth does one do with the choruses? As for language, Housman's "O suitably-attired-in-leather-boots head of a traveller" is often uncomfortably near the mark. But reassessment may be due. Over this rich territory floats Leo Aylen, poet, writer, and director for film, radio, and TV:

respectable classicist too, and doctor of drama. But if he ever took on board the ballast of scholarship, he has jettisoned it. His book is a hot-air balloon, soaring into boundless ether on great updrafts of media-

induced banality and pretentiousness.

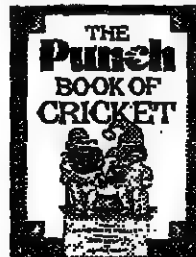
The theater can be a way to truth, as significant as any philosophical way (Parmenides lives!) by asking the question, "How do we show it?" we are led to know it. It is not Platonic knowledge, it is not the knowledge of philosophers. But it is knowledge in terms of the only thing that is truly important in the theater: the duende, and its concomitant cry of recognition, "Olé" (no, he doesn't). Now our knowledge progresses by means of a series of cries of "Olé".

To which the only response is a cry of "Bullocks".

Aylen's subject is the staging of Greek drama, particularly the choreography of the dance, but his own views about contemporary production ("the central figure might fling his arms outward in some gesture of despair" - not unlike the reviewer) knock heads with "scholarly" analysis of what he thinks happened on the Greek stage; and the result is complete incoherence. He claims to identify the "choreographic structure" of tragedy, but he merely prods the words and metre of the choruses, and offers futile guesses about their actual direction (no illustrations). His critical judgments are infantile (on *Antigone*: "It is sensible to honour the dead... the implication of this play is that it is sound sense for us all to remember this").

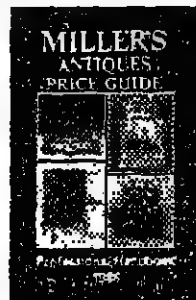
Our only responsibility is to wave this ludicrous dirigible goodbye. But how responsible was the University Press that allowed such tremendous piffle to be published? Would it publish a book of comparable standards of accuracy and intelligibility on, say, heart transplants? No wonder arts disciplines are held in such contempt.

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## BOOKS II

## A Master of Arts and craft

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CELLINI

By John Pope-Hennessy

Macmillan, £15

Benvenuto Cellini's *Life* was in fact an early example of what we tend to think of as a specifically modern genre, the as-told-to autobiography. Like so many amateur writers best noted for their skills in other areas of life, Cellini began to write it himself, in his own hand, but then found that he thought better on his feet, talking to an amanuensis who took it all down for him. As Sir John Pope-Hennessy points out, this gives the narrative its peculiar vividness, as a spoken, not a written book. Generations of readers have responded to this quality of Cellini's, which comes through loud and clear even in the rather dainty and circumspect rendering of John Addington Symonds — and nowadays we are not anyway limited to that. So why, we might ask, another life of Cellini, especially one which, as its author immediately admits, has had to rely on the autobiography for most of its material?

This handsome volume of fers, by implication, never doing anything so ungentlemanly as to defend its right to exist — two answers. The first is obvious at a glance: the large format of the book allows the illustrations to be gorgeous on an unparalleled scale, and the photographs, of whom the chief is David Finn, take full advantage of the possibilities offered them. Never have the classic works of Cellini's been so wondrously photographed in lovingly detailed close-up or coolly appraising long-shot — and in several cases a number of stages in between, so that we get almost the effect of an art gallery zooming in or out. Just to look at the pictures is already an education in how much we have never seen, even in the most familiar works, and if all the book did was to decorate a (sturdy) coffee-table and occasionally be rifled through by purchasers who never read a word of it, it would, still, be worth the money.

This is a wearisome book. It details Buchman's travels and his contacts at length, but finds it much more difficult to let us get close to Buchman himself. Wholly committed, Garth Lean can neither explain Buchman's attraction, nor the violent reaction to him in his opponents. Honoured by Schuman and Adenauer and hated by Tom Driberg and Hugh Carlisle, Buchman can't have been all bad. Yet the source of his undoubted influence is not easily revealed.

From Pennsylvania German stock, he was ordained a Lutheran minister. From the start he sought an independence of ministry outside the normal run of pastoral work. He had to be in charge. A natural autocrat, Buchman's belief in personal divine guidance was literally a godsend. It enabled him to direct and dominate his followers to such an extent that one, London Hamilton, rebelled. "I have surrendered my life to Jesus Christ, not to Frank Buchman," he complained. Frank found the difference less easy to distinguish.

Yet this was part of the attraction. Buchman offered certainty — particularly to those beset by middle-class guilt. Oxford was specially fertile. Public schoolboys from comfortable homes provided just that degree of vulnerability. In personal interviews, he and his acolytes recommended absolute purity as the sole for sexual guilt. The encouragement of semi-public confession — particularly of the grubbier sins — gave the group a psychological hold over its individual members. And it was this Group ethos which proved the selling attraction. In a world where Fascism and Communism were offering comradeship and a cause to the

## The Autocrat of the four moral absolutes

John Selwyn Gummer

FRANK BUCHMAN

A Life  
By Garth Lean  
Constable, £15

Frank Buchman, founder of MRA

politically involved, the Oxford Group provided it for the religiously inclined.

Intellectually Buchmanism is a non-starter. Lean provides no evidence of any intellectual growth between Buchman's conversion experience at Keswick in 1908 and his death in 1961. Emotionally it clearly had a powerful appeal to a generation which felt guilty without a cause and lonely without a club. So the house-parties, the personal

interviews, the public testimonies to a changed life, all bound people together, clinging to Buchman's four absolutes — absolute honesty, purity, unselfishness, and love.

Even though Groupism did attract some outstanding men, much of it was pretty juvenile. "Chip" Lutman gave his public testimony to having lived a "rotten life", and next day "he got on his knees, gave his life to God and threw his tobacco pouch and pipe out of the window of the Roxburgh Hotel." It was not surprising that Lutman was a student leader — Buchman went in for leaders. Despite Garth Lean's loyal attempt to defend him from the charge of elitism, the proof is overwhelming. Buchman's mission was to the Captain of Boats and the President of the Union, as it was to Queen Marie of Romania and President Truman. If ice skating had been the vogue, he'd have been after Torvill and Dean.

But the real flaw in the Oxford Group, as in MRA, was in Buchman himself. The prophet of absolute truth often exaggerated. The apostle of absolute unselfishness was continually

irritable and self-centred. Shoemaker, one of his early companions, said "Frank is so in the habit of holding others in line that he isn't always ready to be held himself."

Above all, his reliance on the guidance given in his quiet time gave him an absolute conviction of his own rightness. Other people's guidance had to conform to Frank's or they had to go back and listen to God again until they got it right. That was inevitable, for nothing reined him in. No Church claimed his obedience, no priest heard his confession, no associate countered his judgement. Whether it was his disastrous view of Hitler or his preposterous spending on a film studio — the autocrat was untrammelled.

And it was this despotism at the heart of MRA which both attracted adherents and frightened opponents. MRA could claim to be an "ideology to conquer Communism" precisely because it replaced one absolutism with another. Its ideal of a God-directed statesman meant a man so certain of his own rightness that he was prey to the same essential intolerance as the Marxist.

The Oxford Group had sought out university leaders and used their guilt to win their hearts. MRA moved the appeal to the world stage and sought to change the leaders of nations shattered by six years of war. The appeal was the same. Buchman offered a simple creed which provided all the certainty which seemed to give such strength to the totalitarian system. Yet that creed was, at bottom, self-regarding and self-righteous. Buchman's moral and political message was always more likely to produce an Ian Paisley than a St Francis.

## View inside Monty's high command team

William Jackson

FLASHBACK

A Soldier's Story  
By Charles Richardson  
William Kimber, £11.50

Flashback is the personal story of one of the four General Staff Officers who powered Montgomery's command team from El Alamein to Berlin, first as lieutenant colonels in H.Q. 8th Army, and later as brigadiers in H.Q. 21st Army Group in North West Europe. They were Bill Williams (Intelligence), Hugh Mawaring (Operations), David Belchem (Staff Duties), and the author, now General Sir Charles Richardson (Plans), who retired from the Army Board in 1971 after being both Q.M.G. and M.G.O. They worked under Freddie de Guingand, Monty's Chief of Staff and brilliant interpreter of his wishes, translating concepts into executive action and feeding the "Master" with the information and ideas that he needed to take his command decisions and to impose his will upon events.

Flashback is a light and very readable inside view of the realities of life at the heart of Montgomery's operational staff. Contemporaries will enjoy the Richardson view of the personalities involved, and the general reader the evidence of a very competent eye witness, overturning many of the myths and legends about Montgomery's handling of his battles that have been created by post-war writers.

Charles Richardson became GSO 1 (Plans), 8th Army, during the retreat to El Alamein in 1942. He had the unique distinction of surviving the departure of Auchinleck and the arrival of Montgomery, taken over, as he puts it, as part of the furniture. His comparison of the two men, for whom he worked so closely, does not flatter the Auk: "Day after day, sitting in the sand, spending long hours staring through binoculars at the distant void horizon." There was no "First Battle of Alamein" which pro-Auchinleck writers have conjured up: just a series of piecemeal engagements as the defeated 8th Army settled down into the then non-existent El Alamein Line. Exhaustion and lack of supplies stopped "Rommel" not Auchinleck or his over-intelligent but unsound adviser "Chink" Dorman-Smith.

The contrast of Montgomery's inspired leadership has been described by many other contemporary pens; nevertheless, it is no bad thing to hear it

again from someone so militarily competent, observing from such close quarters. The feel of the Monty Team and of the battles they fought not only against the Germans, but also against less talented teams, including the "Air barons", on the Allied side, comes across with the easy lucidity of a highly professional and authentic eye witness.

As 21st Army Group's B.G.S. (Plans) Charles Richardson's intentions in Normandy are particularly important. Moreover, he developed the original concept of the concentrated thrust from the Seine to the heart of Germany via the Aachen Gap. He is in no doubt that Eisenhower's assumption of tactical command on 1st September 1944, and his decision to advance instead on a broad front, prolonged the war into 1945. Higher direction of the campaign was lost and each Army Group ploughed ahead, fighting its own war. The disaster at Arnhem was one of the by-products of this dispersal of effort.

But Flashback covers more than just Monty's command team. It provides interesting vignettes of pre-war military service in India; of the Dunkirk disaster; of S.O.E. operations in the Mediterranean before El Alamein; and of the handling of the Russians in Berlin after the war was over. The author's concluding paragraph sums up his views:

"Now at the age of 77 I ask myself what sustained us nearly fifty years ago in those terrible times of impotence and disaster. I believe it was the conviction that the British Army would, in the end, prove superior to the Wehrmacht, not because of a greater talent for killing but for the qualities that lay much deeper: the tradition of civilized duty, of incorruptibility and self-sacrifice, driven by that powerful impetus, genuine comradeship at all levels — the mainspring of the Army's successful evolution down the centuries."

## He gave Britannia her trident and the City gent his brolly

Ronald Hope

JONAS HANWAY  
Founder of the Marine Society  
By J. S. Taylor  
Secker, £20

Jonas Hanway is a handsome book, with four full-colour illustrations and a dozen more in black and white, half of them taken from the walls of The Marine Society or from prints in its archives.

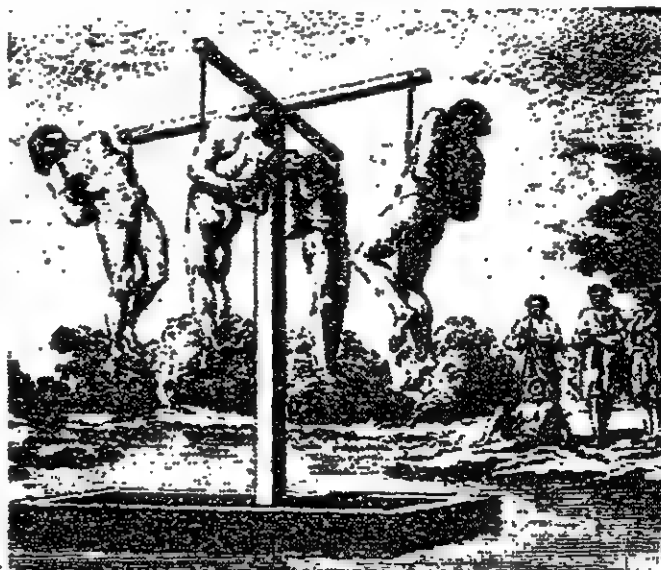
Hanway was a very remarkable man. It can be argued — though Professor Taylor does not — that Hanway literally put the trident in Britannia's hand, for he was much interested in symbols. Before his time "Britannia, like Boadicea, grasped a spear. After Hanway, Britannia grasping the trident symbolised Britain and British sea power, both naval and merchant, at least until 1960. The word "Britannia" used in this sense was frequently on the lips of that great shipowner Lawrence Holt; and when the symbol disappeared from the coinage with decimalisation it marked more than the disappearance of an image, for it marked the

beginning of the end. However this may be, Hanway certainly put the trident in Britannia's hand in a purely practical way. By his creation of The Marine Society he provided the sailors who won both the Seven Years War and the Napoleonic Wars — no less than 15 per cent of the total supply in the latter case. Had it not been for Hanway, the history of Britain would have been very different.

When, in 1938, Neville Chamberlain grasped the umbrella instead of the trident, he not only pointed the way downhill for Britain, but held in his hand another Hanway. The British Isles enjoy a greater diversity of habitat and wildlife than almost any other country in the world. This book by Peter Crawford celebrates all its beauty and variety with over 200 colour photographs and a gazetteer to over 450 sites. He examines how landscape and wildlife have evolved together over 10,000 years and traces the ways in which mankind has transformed the wilderness into the living tapestry we know today, from the bleak grouse moors of the north to the lush splendour of Devon lanes.

"Introduction", for, as is well known, Jonas Hanway was the first man to carry an umbrella in the City of London. Professor Taylor provides the evidence for this, and very properly gives Hanway credit for much else: the travels to Russia and Persia which made his books best-sellers in their time; his work for the Navy, which included improving the seamen's diet; his Parliamentary Acts for the benefit of orphans and deserted children; his attempts to improve the lot of young chimney sweeps.

The Marine Society is not the only good work of Hanway's to have survived for nearly a quarter of a millennium, but it is the most distinctive, still in existence to help provide the nation with the world's best seafarers. For far too long, Hanway's light has been under a bushel. Professor Taylor's biography to coincide with the bicentenary of Hanway's death in 1786 is welcome.



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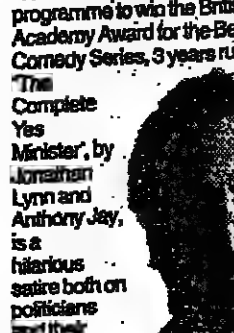
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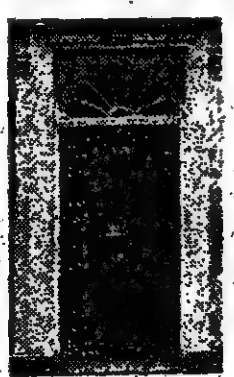
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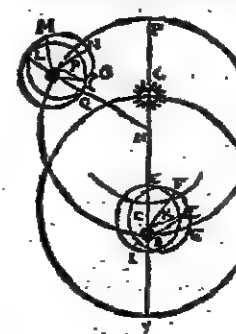
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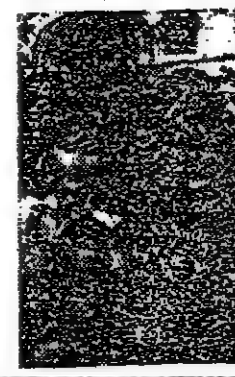
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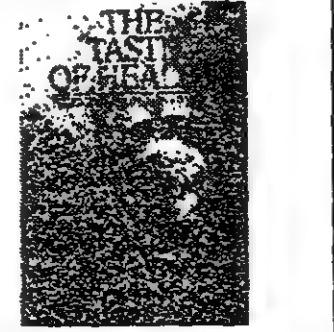
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Lizzie

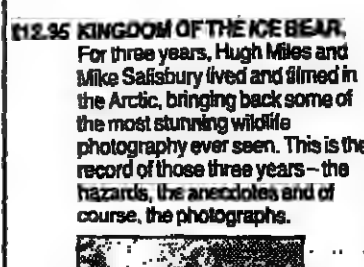
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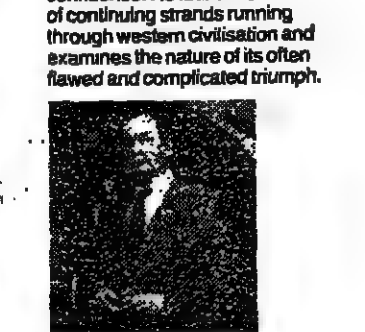
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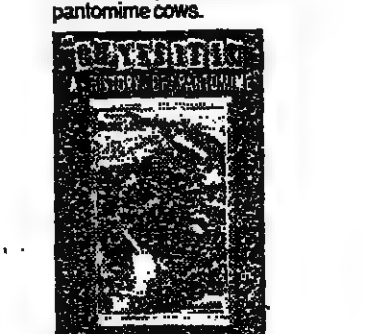
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# THE TIMES DIARY

## Panning the Palace

"We have excellent relations with the BBC," a Buckingham Palace spokesman assured me yesterday. Strange. According to leaked minutes of the latest meeting of BBC news and current affairs executives, relations are "appalling". Terry Dobson, head of programmes for English regional television, is quoted as saying that "the BBC had been too deferential for too long in its dealings with the Palace, and a vigorous approach needed to be made". The Princess of Wales is held partly responsible. Because she was camera-shy, she had asked to be covered by a single camera only on official visits - "now all the royals were demanding this treatment and the quality of pictures had declined". What has exacerbated the problem, says the minutes, is "the close relations independent television had established with the Palace." This has led to the making of two special programmes, and "as a result there were now always two ITV crews, but only one BBC crew, on royal visits". John Wilson, editor of radio news and current affairs, agreed that "there was clearly a serious problem and a need for change in both the BBC and the Palace".

## Wounding

Another story of a moving Irish statue - but this has a sorry ending. The Royal Dublin Society has given its fine bronze statue of Lt Walter Hamilton VC standing over an Afghan corpse to the National Army Museum in Chelsea. The statue has just arrived in London - in pieces. Hamilton's sabre-clutching right hand, half his right thigh, the Afghan's turbaned head and right arm have all dropped off. The repair bill may be more than £2,000. Hamilton's family in Ireland, displeased by the move in the first place, are now furious.

## Current issue

So much for the fortune spent by the GLC on homosexual support. Harassment at County Hall is evidently still such a problem that the GLC has produced a booklet designed to stamp it out. Among many examples it cites that of "one gay male employee who produced a birthday cake but found that all of his colleagues refused to take a piece." It continues: "Claiming a fear of Aids, which cannot possibly be transmitted in this way, is usually a cover for vicious prejudice against gay men."

● After its spate of fatal accidents this year, French railways have now dropped their unfortunate advertising slogan: "Nous avons fait tous les routes les yeux fermés."

## Peerless

Lord "Manny" Shinwell is about to pass another milestone. On January 1 he will enter the Guinness Book of Records by becoming - at 101 and 75 days - the oldest peer ever. He ousts from that position the Rt Hon Frank Douglas-Pennant, the fifth Baron Penrhyn, who died in 1967, but he has a while to go yet before he overtakes the oldest-ever peeress. She was the Countess Desmond, who was alleged to be 140 when she died in 1604. "This claim is patently exaggerated," observes the Guinness book, "but it is accepted she might have been 104."

BARRY FANTONI



## View hullabaloo

One might have thought that Bernie Grant and his Haringey Labour council would pump all spare cash into the Broadwater Farm estate and beleaguered Tottenham. Not so. Apart from evening classes in Tarot reading (see Ronald Butt) the Tory opposition claims that it is using ratepayers' money to thumb its nose at residents of the one wealthy enclave within its boundaries. Despite fierce local opposition, it has spent more than £500,000 - a debt which will cost at least £50,000 a year for 60 years to service - on building seven large, luxurious council houses on a site in salubrious View Road, Highgate. The council compulsorily purchased the site having turned down plans by private developers, named the development after former Grenadan Marxist leader Maurice Bishop, and has just moved in some of Haringey's most disadvantaged families, among them blacks and unemployed. "It's a provocative and deliberate political gesture against the upper and middle classes, and the most expensive political gesture I have ever seen," says outraged Tory Highgate councillor Andrew Mitchell.

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# Give Husain a mandate to talk

by Clinton Bailey

Jordan's equivocal and ambiguous reaction to the peace proposal put forward recently at the United Nations by Israel's prime minister, Shimon Peres, indicates that the Middle East peace process is still deadlocked. King Husain has not yet been able to take Peres up on his offer of direct negotiations, largely because he does not feel that he is authorized to pursue peace on his own without the Palestinian Liberation Organization. The US Secretary of State, George Shultz, reiterated in London this week that the PLO's present stance excludes it from any talks.

The only way to break this deadlock - now or in the future - is to hold a referendum, under neutral auspices, among the Palestinians living in the occupied territories. They, as the party most directly concerned, should be asked whether or not they want Husain to negotiate on their behalf. This is the only way to refute the PLO's claim that it and it alone must represent the Palestinian people in negotiations about its future.

Without such a referendum, King Husain may never be able to negotiate with Israel for peace and territory. At the Arab summit conference held in Rabat, Morocco, in 1974, the Arab states unanimously gave the PLO an exclusive mandate for representing the Palestinians. Since then several of these states have had regrets and in 1978, at Camp David, Egypt broke the Rabat consensus by negotiating autonomy for the occupied

territories. Yet until this month, King Husain has remained bound by the consensus.

Tacit endorsement for Husain exists already in the West Bank and Gaza. Throughout the years leading newspapers of the territories have prodded the PLO to grant the king a negotiating role. True, in the first years after the Israeli occupation in 1967, the PLO did give many Palestinians a sense of pride. But as time went on, fewer and fewer believed that it was capable of restoring them, or their lands, to Arab sovereignty.

Aware of these anxieties, Husain suggested to the PLO in Amman last November that it agree to negotiate with Israel about an exchange of territory for peace, as stipulated in the UN Security Council Resolution 242.

This position contradicts the PLO's principles and policies. But Yasser Arafat, feeling that Husain's approach was popular and might undermine his own support in the territories, subsequently agreed to let the king make peace overtures - primarily to the US. He also hoped that this would lead to American recognition of the PLO without its having to accept Resolution 242.

In the meantime, however, many Palestinians have understood that the PLO's continued refusal to renounce terrorism and accept Resolution 242 may well prevent the

Husain-Arafat agreement of February from leading to negotiations. It has become abundantly clear that the PLO remains an unacceptable negotiating partner to Israel and the major Western nations. Yet Husain alone cannot represent the Palestinian people without their explicit endorsement.

There are two conflicting attitudes towards peace among Israelis and Arabs. Some people on both sides want peace soon and are willing to compromise to achieve it, including most Palestinians in the territories and Jordan proper (together, 75 per cent of all Palestinians), the Jordanian and Egyptian Governments and the Israeli Labour Party.

Advocates of the other approach do not want compromise and are willing to forego peace indefinitely to avoid it. In the Arab world, the main advocates are Syria, the PLO in all its groupings and the Palestinians living in Syria and Lebanon. In Israel, they are the parties of the right.

These extremists may remain an irritant even if peace is achieved between Israel, Jordan and the Palestinians in the territories. But no peace initiative will ever get off the ground if it must wait for the extremists' approval. Peres has already spoken. Those Palestinians who are interested in peace must be given a safe way to express their reply.

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After the latest British 'no' to sanctions, Michael Hornsby isolates a development that could force change where all else has failed

## If united they stand, apartheid could fall



Richard Leadbetter

Some lingering unease over adopting so public a stance on political issues was evident when the Cosatu executive backed away the next day from several of the more outspoken statements made at the rally by its newly-elected president, Elias Barayi. These included a demand that President Botha and his government of "drunkards and thieves" resign in favour of Nelson Mandela, the jailed leader of the outlawed ANC, and "other rightful people", a pledge that a Cosatu-led government would nationalize the mines, and a call to Cosatu members to burn their passes - the permits all blacks must carry to travel or live outside designated African areas - if the pass law system was not abolished within six months.

Although the first attempts to form black unions date from the early years of this century, it was only in 1979 that the government granted such bodies statutory recognition. Since then black unions have enjoyed rapid growth. Cosatu accounts for something like a third of the country's organized workforce of 1.5 million (only about 15 per cent of the economically active population), of which a third are whites. Important groups of blacks, such as domestic servants, public

sector employees and farm labourers, are still largely non-unionized. Black workers remain divided politically.

Resolutions adopted at Cosatu's inaugural congress called for one-man-one-vote in a "united, democratic South Africa, free of oppression and economic exploitation... under the leadership of a united working class", an end to the state of emergency, the release of all political prisoners, withdrawal of troops and police from black townships, scrapping the migrant labour and tribal "homelands" systems and stepping up foreign disinvestment as "a central and effective form of pressure" on the government.

Among the more conventional trade union objectives which Cosatu set itself were a legally enforced "national minimum living wage", a 40-hour week at full pay with a ban on overtime, and the establishment of a new union to look after the

interests of the unemployed, who are estimated to account for between 25 and 30 per cent of the black workforce. Cosatu also announced its intention to publish its own newspaper.

Some 250,000 black workers in 20 unions affiliated to the Council of South African Unions (Cusa) and the Azanian Confederation of Trade Unions (Azactu) remain outside Cosatu. Both Cusa and Azactu belong to the "black consciousness" tradition now represented by the Azanian People's Organization (AZAPO), a minority black group, whereas the political sympathies of Cosatu lie with the more flexible, multi-racial approach of the ANC and the UDF, a loose alliance of more than 600 anti-apartheid organizations, whose leaders and grass-roots activists have been the main targets of the wave of arrests since the imposition of a state of emergency in parts of the country on July 21.

At present black bargaining power is greatly weakened by the existence of as many as four different unions competing for membership and recognition in the same industry. If the envisaged rationalization is to be carried through, it will require not only the merger of such unions, but also the dissolution of a number of general workers' unions whose membership straddles different industries. They include some of the most politically radical unions, which, understandably, are reluctant to be a party to their own demise. Cosatu could still founder on this issue.

If it can survive its own internal tensions, and retain a working relationship with the Cusa and Azactu unions, Cosatu could put black workers for the first time in a position to call a national strike, a weapon that could ultimately prove one of the most effective destroyers of apartheid. Hitherto the mass "stayaway" from work has been attempted only on a regional basis, and even then confused planning, disagreement on objectives and the lack of any effective coordinating machinery has weakened its impact.

A general strike now becomes a real possibility, although Cosatu would need to be very sure of its organizational capacity before it engaged the government in such a trial of strength.

## The fate of millions in this man's hands

The UN will soon have a new High Commissioner for Refugees. Unlike some other candidates in the contentious campaign, Jean Pierre Hocké, a Swiss, is relatively unknown outside the world of international relief, but within that world he is respected as an efficient administrator with a clear vision of the reforms needed to rejuvenate the commission, one of the UN's most sluggish bureaucracies.

As operations director of the Red Cross (ICRC), Hocké has spent almost all his time on tour, negotiating and cajoling government officials all over the world to observe the Geneva Conventions. When you read of the release of Czech or other prisoners by UNITA it is because Hocké has spent days bumping along the dirt tracks of southern Angola to talk to Jonas Savimbi. When Iran and Iraq finally agreed to exchange POWs it was because of long talks between Hocké and Iranian officials. He knows more about the real life of more countries than the head of any other UN agency.

Hocké joined the ICRC while working as a businessman in Nigeria during the Biafran war, in which the ICRC was trying to provide relief for both sides. This is a principle on which he has tried to insist as operations director. It has not always been easy.

During the election for the UN post Hocké was seen by many other governments as Washington's candidate. Indeed the Americans pushed his name so enthusiastically and sometimes so crassly that they came close to destroying his prospects. The election remained a cliffhanger until the very last moment.

But Hocké has never shown himself to be an American puppet. Indeed, during the Cambodian relief operation of 1979/80, many US officials attacked him for being "too soft on the Vietnamese". They came round in the end: the support for his UN candidacy by both Hanoi and Washington is one of the few issues on which they have agreed since the end of the Vietnam war.

During the Ethiopian relief operation the Red Cross has been more critical of the Ethiopian authorities' distribution of food than either the US government (with strategic as well as humanitarian interests in the Horn of Africa) or UN officials. In recent months distribution of supplies has greatly improved at least partly as a result of ICRC pressure.

His refusal to temporize has not endeared him to some senior officials of the High Commissioner for Refugees: many of its officials lobbied against his appointment, perhaps also for fear that he would overturn what is known within the organization as "the Danish Mafia" around the incumbent high commis-



Hocké: clear reforms in mind

sioner, Paul Hartling. But the management of UNHCR has been excruciating in recent years and morale has often been low. Hundreds of staff hope that Hocké will shake it up.

Even more urgent are UNHCR's relations with the world at large. It is beleaguered by the fact that it is controlled by the very people it needs to take to task - governments.

The Americans make no secret that their refugee policy is an arm of their foreign policy. Hocké will have to prove that he will resist American pressure where this conflicts with UNHCR's duty to protect and assist refugees.

America's treatment of refugees within its own borders needs urgent examination. Why should the

commission not protest at the US expulsion of Salvadorans and Haitian boat people when Washington has protested at similar expulsions elsewhere?

UNHCR must also encourage European countries to develop a coherent refugee policy. Asylum is given much less generously than in the past. African and Asian countries frequently complain that they are expected to harbour millions of refugees while the West quibbles over dozens.

For years Hocké has been concerned by the way governments of all sorts exploit humanitarianism and relief operations for political or even military ends. The relief operation in Cambodia, he argues, "was used to prolong an agonizing political deadlock". He is appalled at the way the Geneva Conventions are increasingly ignored, as in the Gulf war.

Hocké faces a pressing challenge in his new job. But his outstanding record at the Red Cross suggests that there is every reason to hope he will prove to be the high commissioner for all refugees everywhere, and dramatically raise the standards of help and protection to which they are entitled.

William Shawcross

Shawcross's *The Quality of Mercy - Cambodia, Holocaust and Modern Conscience*, is published by Fontana (£3.95).

Ronald Butt

## Finding inner self in the inner city

Madame Sosostis, famous clairvoyante, had a bad cold, nevertheless is known to be the wisest woman in Europe. With a wicked pack of cards, here, is your card, the drowned Phoenix, said she. Here is the man with three slaves and here the Wheel. Thank you. If you see dear Mrs Equitone, tell her I bring the horoscope myself. One must be so careful these days.

T. S. Eliot

We are not told how much Madame Sosostis charged but nowadays some 30 dwellers of the London Borough of Haringey are being admitted to the mysteries of her art in a 30-week class, thanks to the assistance of the borough's ratepayers. At the White Hart Lane Education Centre a Tarot Card Reading class is packed to capacity. The programme of adult education, classes entitled "Learning for Living in Haringey" advertised the course in the following terms:

"A guide to Esoteric Counseling and Self-Help. The Tarot is an ancient method of divination that relies on a deck of 78 cards. By learning to read the Tarot pack you will be able to give skilled advice to those in need. The Tarot can predict future trends and gives us valuable advice on all our problems, past and present."

Who avails themselves of this remarkable opportunity to acquire wisdom I do not know. Certainly they have not been attracted by any mealy-mouthed blurb about a fun course. The Borough of Haringey (lately in the news in a different context) is plainly offering an up-to-date version of self-reliance which, if it leaves the ghost of Samuel Smiles agast, is perhaps felt to be more suitable for the inhabitants of a leftish-governed inner city area than a course in free market economics would be.

But there is more to it than that. This is clearly a new aspect to the contemporary vogue for counselling in all shapes and forms which is especially popular on the left. For all one knows, the class may be full of social workers and equal opportunity counsellors learning how to give "skilled advice" to problem families and other clients. It seems unlikely that it includes many stockbrokers' analysts in search of help towards understanding the trends of the charts.

Nor do Tarot cards stand in eccentric isolation among the conventional evening classes of a working class area. There are other advertised classes of a strange and pseudo-mystical sort. One, on "Awareness", is intended to enable participants "to become more aware of the present" (I suspect it is rather hard to avoid it in Haringey) and to be able "to enjoy more the richness of all that is going on around them and within them".

Another course is entitled "Self-Awareness through 'Creativity' which is also 'about our rich untapped inner self'. This covers a number of activities from relaxation, breathing and music to "the rich world of guided fantasy", which

could refer to the political behaviour of the far left in inner cities, or even to Roy Hattersley's economic strategy, though I rather doubt it.

For this class you would have to take a travel rug, wear loose clothes and be prepared to "abandon your shoes". Above all, you must "come with an open mind. For further information ring Maggie Szylman 586 5273." Or again, you might prefer to learn about levitation in a 30-week course on Parapsychology.

However, Haringey citizens could be best equipped for contemporary living by attending classes on "Co-Counseling" - a method of self-development in which people learn to be both clients and counsellors. This course includes two separate full day workshops. That is plainly a useful venture since so much of the world is either counselling or being counselled, if not both at once.

Counseling is now a great growth industry - and it is this fact that probably represents the greatest practical use of the Tarot classes for a society freed from the superstition of religion, in which the New Testament is simply the vehicle for cheap money-making rituals and church may not be left open for fear of vandalism and theft.

In this society, it is only natural that the more rational process of counselling should develop its own mysticism, philosophy and science. Week by week the employment columns of the *Guardian*, and other appropriate vehicles, are filled with advertisements for counsellors, advice workers, advisers and liaison officers in race relations, equal opportunities and the like.

Thus an equal opportunity officer for the GLC earlier this year was wanted for "career development and counselling", and specifically for developing "career paths" for women, ethnic minorities, people with disabilities and gay (twice) in this context I have to tell readers does not mean "careers" men" (salary: £14,781-£16,545).

I do not know the qualifications needed to be a counsellor in this broad area. Still more to the point, I do not know what the total cost nationally, or in inner cities, amounts to or how much is spent on the kind of education illustrated here by Haringey.

These millions, compared with the billions spent on local government generally, are obviously small. Yet this money, together with the sort of grants given by the GLC to its client minority groups (before the Local Government Act stopped it) would equip quite a few under-equipped clinics, make a few more lonely old people happy with day centres or better meals-on-wheels or perhaps pay for a better standard of care for vulnerable children.

As it is, the most extraordinary fact is the sheer frivolity of so much local spending. I can think of only two reasons why the Tories make so little of it. One could be that this sort of spending now employs so many people, unproductively, that it would not help the unemployment figures to reduce it. The other is that the human mind soon ceases to notice the ridiculous as it does the horrible, if there is a lot of it around.

moreover... Miles Kingston

## Strait up, I met them all

The decision not to have a public inquiry into the Channel link was prompted, apparently, by two thoughts. One is that if you have an inquiry, you will never get it built, which is true enough. The other is that while a mile away, at sea, there are no local residents to worry about. This is not quite true. It may come as a surprise but the Channel is inhabited, however sparsely. Moreover has been talking to one or two of its occupants about what brought them there.

Eric Molar (Mid-Channel SPP candidate): "There is as yet no Mid-Channel constituency, but it can only be a matter of time - when the link is built, it will be permanently occupied by many people all of whom will have a vote. As usual, the SPP is ahead of the other parties and I have been selected as the candidate. As a retired doctor, I have the time to go out canvassing and get some sailing done at the same time." Canvassing under canvas, you might say? Well SPP people do like a little joke.

"The three great problems worrying my constituents are postal deliveries (only once a year), VHF reception (they can only get French radio) and juggernaut ships making the place a menace. We must have a Channel by-pass."

Sid Jerkin, water taxi-driver: "I have been a Channel taximan for ten years now, three of that on the knowledge. Very hard test it is for us. We carry boats, too - got to recognize every cliff from a mile away, know the quickest route from Dover to the nearest light-ship, name every sunken wreck. Blimey, I wish some of those mini-boat operators knew what I know. And do you know how many fares I have to take every week before I even start making a profit, what with the taxes, the diesel, the rent, and so on? Go on, have a guess. You'd never believe. Personally, I blame the government. And Arthur Scargill. And Esther Rantzen. I blame everyone personally. Except Terry Wogan. No, I blame him too."

"I had Eric Molar in the cab the other day. Nice bloke. I might vote SPP."

The Rev Harold Footwell, Channel chaplain: "Yes, the Channel is my parish. Burials at sea, emergency services on ships and so on. I also do a sideline in christening boats and

exorcising wrecks. Sometimes I go out in my own boat, sometimes I take a ride in Sid's taxi. The other day we went out to rescue Eric Molar, who was in difficulties with his yacht. That's right, the SPP man. We're a most interesting talk about, proportionally, a small boat, but even after I had done my best, he still didn't understand it. I have advised him to write and ask John Cleese.

"We also had a chat about temptation. I told him my worst temptations were lust and sloth. He said his worst temptation was to make jokes about the floating voter. They do like a little joke in the SPP. I might well vote for them." Señor Luis Arriaguer, master mariner: "I been on this tanker for five years now. It stuck. It won't go and it won't sink. It just stay here. I registered in Panama but my company in Mexico. I think they gone bust - they don't write to me no more. So I stay here. When I bored, I slip into Folkestone. When I bored of Folkestone I slip back to the ship. Señor Molar, he promise to get my ship privatized, so I definitely vote SPP."

Jack Trotwell, salvage man: "Yeah, I live permanently afloat. Got to be in this game. As soon as something is wrecked, I'm out there like a shot to claim salvage. You can't hang around in a bed and breakfast in Dover to do that. Believe me, the way people drive up and down the Channel, I'm surprised there's not more accidents. Have you seen Sid Jerkin, the taxi driver? A mammoth himself, but you know what they say about taxi drivers - cause all the accidents and never get involved in one? Yeah, I know Eric Molar. I've had to rescue him three times this year already. I might vote for him, but I figure, I'll always vote for the party that causes the most damage to shipping, and the SPP have never had a chance, so why not?"

Mrs Des Grange, no fixed abode: "Go away. Buzz off. This is my tower. Yes, I'm a victim of inner-channel theft. Yes, I'll vote SPP. I'll do anything to get rid of you. Now, scram!"

Clearly, the Channel is not the desert many imagine. Let us hope the new link does not destroy this peacefully close-knit community.









# COURT AND SOCIAL

## COURT CIRCULAR

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE**  
December 11: His Excellency Mr Nikos Kyriazides and Madame Kyriazides were received in farewell audience by the Queen this morning and took leave upon His Excellency's relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from Greece to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency, Signor Bruno Bonai was received in Audience by the Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from Italy to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy, who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: Signor Umberto Vattani (Minister Counsellor), Captain Giuseppe Rondomotti (Naval and Defence Attaché), Colonel Ugo de Carolis (Air Attaché), Colonel Salvatore Sabatino (Military Attaché), Signor Ferdinando Zezza (First Counsellor Economic), Signor Mario Fugazzola (First Counsellor Press and Political Affairs), Signor Giancarlo Aragoni (First Counsellor Political), and Signor Gianfranco Varvesi (First Counsellor Political).

Mr Derek J. Thomas (Deputy Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) who had the honour of being received by the Queen was present and the Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Mr A. G. R. Butler was received in audience by the Queen and issued hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Ulan Bator.

Mrs Butler had the honour of being received by the Queen.

Major-General Laurie New had the honour of being received by Her Majesty upon his appointment as Lieutenant-Governor of the Isle of Man.

Sir William Mather had the honour of being received by the Queen upon his retirement from the Council of the Duchy of Lancaster.

The Queen this afternoon opened the new Central Public Health Laboratory (Director, Professor A. A. Glynn) at Colindale London, NW9.

Having been received by the

Mayor of Barrow (Councillor Mrs Barbara Langstone) and the Chairman, Public Health Laboratory Service (Dr C. E. Gordon-Smith), Her Majesty unveiled a commemorative plaque and toured the building.

The Hon Mary Morrison, the Right Hon Sir Philip Moore, Mr Kenneth Scott and Major Hugh Lindsay were in attendance.

The Queen was represented by the Viscount Davidson (Lord in Waiting) at the Memorial Service for the Lord Lloyd (formerly Lord in Waiting) which was held in the Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street, W1, this afternoon.

**KENSINGTON PALACE**  
December 11: The Duke of Wales this morning at Kensington Palace received members of the Australian Schoolboys' Rugby Union Touring Team.

The Princess of Wales, Patron, the National Rubella Council, this afternoon visited the William Harvey Hospital, Ashford, Kent.

Her Royal Highness, attended by Viscountess Camden and Lieutenant-Commander Richard Aylard, RN, travelled in an aircraft of the Queen's Flight.

December 11: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, as President, this afternoon visited the Headquarters of the Invalid Children's Aid Association, Buckingham Palace Road.

The Hon Mrs Whitehead was in attendance.

December 11: The Duke of Gloucester this morning visited developments in connection with the Croydon Design Initiative. Later His Royal Highness presented the Annual Croydon Centenary Design Awards and was entertained to luncheon by the Mayor of Croydon (Councillor George Smith) at the Fairfield Hotel, Croydon.

His Royal Highness, Sir Simon Blomfield was in attendance.

**YORK HOUSE**  
December 11: The Duchess of Kent, Patron of the "Not Forgotten" Association, today received Field Marshal the Lord Harding in his retirement as President of the Association.

**THATCHED HOUSE LODGE**  
December 11: Prince Alexander, President of World Wildlife Fund - United Kingdom, this afternoon visited the Wildfowl Trust at Slimbridge, Gloucestershire.

Lady Elizabeth Fitzalan-Howard was in attendance.

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Sir John Gielgud presenting a cheque for £5,000 yesterday to Louise Page, winner of the J. T. Grein prize for established playwrights. The newly-created awards, judged by the Critics' Circle, also went to Jonathan Gems and Robert Holman, who each received £3,000. (Photograph: Bill Warhurst.)

**Birthdays today**  
Miss Tracy Austin, 25; Mr Lionel Blair, 54; Major-General Sir Rupert Brazier-Cragh, 76; Miss Denise Coffey, 49; Mr Kenneth Cranham, 41; the Hon Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, MP, 55; Mr Emerson Fitzpatrick, 39; Air Commodore Dame Felicity Hill, 70; Mr Philip Ledger, 48; the Rev Professor E. L. Mascall, 80; Mr John O'Connor, 70; Mr Frank Squire, 70; Lieutenant-General Sir William Turner, 78; the Right Rev J. D. Watkinson, 67.

**Latest appointments**  
Lord Gower, the former Arts Minister, to be Provost of the Royal College of Art from November 1986 in succession to Sir Hugh Casson. Mrs Valerie France, deputy headmistress of Bromley High School, to be Headmistress of the City of London School for Girls from September 1986 on the retirement of Miss Lily Mackie. Mr Simon Watson, aged 42, a master at Halesbury in Herefordshire, to be Headmaster of Hursley Park from September 1986 in succession to Mr Roger Griffiths. Mrs Barbara Kelly, a freelance journalist and broadcaster, to be chairman of the Scottish Consumer Council and a member of the National Consumer Council.

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The engagement is announced between Colin, only son of Mr and Mrs A. McLean, of The Old Rectory, Brimley, Derbyshire, and Alison, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Brewster, of Dolphina Cottage, 64 Sea Avenue, Rustington, West Sussex.

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## Contrast of religious works

The greatest success and the greatest failure of the sale of Old Master paintings at Sotheby's yesterday were both religious works, but they were of strongly contrasting types.

Gericino's sculptural "Descent of St Peter", which went to an anonymous private bidder at £538,000, was originally commissioned by Cardinal Mazzarini, who paid 180 ducats for it in 1646. It is a formal and rather serene painting (estimate £200,000 to £300,000). "Christ on the Cross" by "Christus de Zarbaran", on the other hand, may well have been painted for a house of Jesuits. It is a dramatic and realistic scene of it was never likely to appeal greatly to modern collectors. It failed to sell at £360,000 (estimate £400,000 to £600,000).

There was strong, private

**Luncheons**  
HM Government  
The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Lady Howe were hosts at a luncheon given in honour of the Ambassador of Luxembourg and Mme Hastier at 1 Carlton Gardens yesterday.

**Church news**  
Award  
The Rev John Stott, former Rector of All Saints' Langham Place, London, and founder of the Institute for Contemporary Christianity, was named yesterday as joint winner of the £3,000 Templeton Prize for Christian Living. The award was given for his contributions to the "welfare of the United Kingdom".

**Service dinners**  
9th/12th Royal Lancashire (Princes of Wales)  
Major-General J. M. Brockbank, Colonel of the 9th/12th Royal Lancashire (Princes of Wales), presided at the officers' annual dinner held at the Cavalry and Guards Club last night.

**Latest wills**  
Mr Walter Ernest Alfred Allen, of Regent's Park, London, left estate valued at £576,920 net. He left £25,000 to the Marie Curie Memorial Foundation.

**Correction**  
The name of M. E. C. Gurney was omitted from the Law Society page A (published on November 15).

**Science report**  
Pictures show blood flow to heart  
By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Remarkable pictures showing the flow of blood in the vessels of the heart, heart and chest, and neck and brain are reproduced in a research report in the Journal Science. Vessels as small as one-thirtieth of an inch are clearly visible.

The ability to observe anatomy and physiology of the cardiovascular system during normal blood flow has been the subject of research for many years. The use of X-ray angiography has been the main method of visualising the blood vessels. However, this method is limited by the need for contrast agents and the risk of radiation damage.

The procedure devised by a team working with Dr Van J. Wees, of the department of radiology at the Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, provides a non-invasive method of visualising the blood vessels. It is based on the use of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI).

The method depends on the fact that the magnetic properties of the blood change as it flows. By measuring these changes, it is possible to produce a picture of the blood flow in the vessels.

The pictures show the blood flow in the heart, heart and chest, and neck and brain. They are of a quality that allows the vessels to be seen in detail. This is a significant advance in the study of the cardiovascular system.

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## OBITUARY MR EDWARD HOLLOWAY

### Economic Research Council

J. P. writes:  
Edward Holloway, who died in Hove on November 28, aged 79, was honorary secretary of the Economic Research Council.

He was born in Russia of British parents. His father worked for the Indo-European Telegraph Company and Edward followed him into that business.

In the 1930s he was a founder and secretary of the Economic Reform Club and Institute which, in 1934, joined with the Economic Research Council.

He was responsible for launching "Programme for National Recovery" in the 1960s and one of its most important research projects was "Expansion without Inflation".

His memoirs *Money Matters: A Modern Pilgrim's Economic Progress* will be published next year.

## SIR CONOLLY ABEL SMITH

F.P. writes:  
For a junior officer in HMS Biter during 1942-3 it is a privilege to add a few words about our Commanding Officer, Conolly Able Smith.

While he would be the first to maintain that no personal bravery was involved in our covering of the North African landings, he was at the centre of an episode unique in the history of "Woolworth" carriers, which illustrates the mixture of efficiency and sang-froid to be found in the best naval officers.

At the height of our convoy battle in the night of 1943, when our destroyers were detached on other urgent business, the ASDIC picked up a U-boat contact close in. Ignoring the operating instructions issued with our new toy, he immediately turned towards and launched one of our two rusting depth-charges from the after rail. To the surprise of all, including the Torpedo Officer, it went off and we heard no more of the intruder.

However, it turned out later that the U-boat commander had himself launched a torpedo, and hearing an explosion concluded he had sunk his target and made off without molesting the convoy. His report won him the Iron Cross.

We were a very happy ship, and this was due largely to our Commanding Officer's affability and his concern for all its company, drawn as it was from all walks of life.

This was demonstrated once more when he was the guest of honour at a dinner in 1982 to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of our commissioning. Indeed, by over thirty years of members of the wardroom and their wives.

Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, who died in New York on December 3 at the age of 84, was closely concerned with the relocation of Jews from Germany after the Second World War and was an adviser to former Israeli Prime Ministers David Ben-Gurion and Golda Meir.

## Court of Appeal

### Judges can change court audience practice

**Abse and Others v Smith and Another**  
Before Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice May and Lord Justice Goff (Judgment delivered December 11).

It was established practice that members of the Bar had a right of audience in the High Court when it was sitting in open court. The solicitors did not have such a right, and although the rights of audience of the Bar did not constitute an obstacle to the extension of rights of audience of solicitors, the public interest required that there should be known general practices and procedures in the High Court, to be followed, except in exceptional circumstances, which were not to be changed by individual judges on the basis of their personal views. The established practices and procedures of the High Court, or of the Court of Appeal, could be modified, if the public interest so required, by the judges of those courts collectively acting under the courts' inherent power to regulate their own practice.

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by Mr Cyril Smith, MP, a defendant in a libel proceedings brought by Mr Leo Abse, MP and 24 other members of Parliament, against the refusal by Mr Justice Leonard on October 30, 1985 of an application that Mr Smith's solicitor, Mr Alastair Brett, should be allowed to read in open court an agreed statement under Order 82, rule 5(2) of the Rules of the Supreme Court disposing of the libel action on agreed terms.

Mr David Patrick for Mr Smith; Mr Andrew Collins, QC, as *amicus curiae*.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the appeal was essentially about the parties played by the two branches of the legal profession in the administration of justice. As such it was of no little public interest and importance.

The parties had agreed that the libel action could be settled by a statement in open court pursuant to Order 82, rule 5(2).

The fee of the most junior member of the chambers of counsel who had considered the draft statement on behalf of Mr Smith was one which Mr Brett considered "unacceptably expensive".

Limitations of the categories of persons whom courts were prepared

## Law Report December 12 1985

### Insurer not liable for sex attack award

**Meah v McCracker and Another**  
Before Mr Justice Woolf

A plaintiff who had been the driver of a vehicle in which he was a passenger in respect of brain injuries caused him to undergo a personality and against whom the driver of the vehicle had been awarded damages for his sexual assault upon them. The plaintiff sought to recover the cost of the damages awarded to him by the insurer of the driver of the vehicle. The insurer sought to recover the cost of the damages awarded to him by the insurer of the driver of the vehicle.

The starting point was the test in *Overton v. Gurney* (1961) 1 All ER 388, 422, 333. It is a principle of civil liability, subject only to qualifications which have no present relevance, that a man cannot be considered to be responsible for the probable consequences of his act. To demand more of him is to impose a rule, to demand, less is to ignore that the law requires the observance of a minimum standard of behaviour.

That principle was subject to glosses. First, the defendant must be shown to have been negligent. The plaintiff here had been negligent. The plaintiff here had been negligent. The plaintiff here had been negligent.

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## Queen's Bench Division

### Resident porter covenant is enforceable

By clause 3.11 of the lease the landlord covenanted: To employ, for so far as the lessor's power lies, a resident porter for the following purposes and for no other purposes: (a) To keep clean the common staircases and entrance hall landings and passages and lift. (b) To be responsible for looking after and stoking the central heating and domestic hot water boilers. (c) To carry down rubbish from the properties to the dustbins outside the building every day.

From 1964 until May 31, 1985 the porter's flat had been occupied by a resident porter who performed the functions in the covenant. Thereafter, the former porter, who now lived elsewhere, carried out those duties on a part-time basis.

The landlord claimed that as the duties in (a), (b) and (c) were in fact being discharged, albeit by a non-resident porter, there was no breach of the covenant.

His Lordship held that there was a breach since the covenant indicated that (i) there would be a resident porter and (ii) that he would perform certain functions. To arrange for those functions to be carried out by a non-resident could not discharge the defendant from his duty to keep a porter in residence.

There was a world of difference between living in a block with a porter in residence and living in a block without, as a tenant gained from the feeling of security and the opportunities to ask for help that arose from the presence of a resident porter. A resident porter was valued not only for the duties he was expected to perform but also for his very presence.

The question then arose whether specific performance could be granted of the covenant.

In *Ryan v Mutual Tontine Westminster Chambers Association* (1893) 1 Ch 116 it was held that a contract between a landlord and tenant by which the landlord undertook to employ a porter to perform certain services for the benefit of the tenants could not be specifically enforced because, *inter alia*, the execution of the contract would require "constant superintendence by the court".

That case had been discussed in many later cases and in particular *C. H. Giles & Co. v. Morris* (1972) 1 WLR 307, 316. *Shillitani Spinners Ltd. v. Harding* (1973) AC 691, 724 and *Tuo v. Waddell* (No 2) (1977) Ch 106, 321.

In the light of those authorities his Lordship felt it was open to him to make an order of specific performance, especially as the contract did not require the performance of personal services or any continuous series of acts, but merely, involving the execution of an agreement, which contained a provision for such services.

Solicitors: Beckman & Beckman; Malles & Maitland.



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1. Discuss the ineffectiveness of the audio copyright law and the fact that it has been flouted for twenty years.
2. Realise that a successful British industry is being bled through illegal recordings on blank tapes.
3. Consider the humiliating fact that all blank tapes are imported.
4. Consult your own sense of fairness and ask whether the people who created the music are entitled to payment for the home taping of their material.
5. Discuss proposal for a royalty to be paid directly by importers of blank cassettes.
6. Understand that in a recent major survey most people believed this to be just and fair.
7. Agree to the principle of royalty payment on blank cassettes, as have other major European countries.
8. Scratch head and wonder why such an obvious decision hadn't been made years ago.
9. Blame the last government.
10. Any other business.



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# A campaign of hope for millions

"No spitting", a notice once seen by millions in this country, was the first slogan adopted by the Chest, Heart and Stroke Association during its battle against tuberculosis. Early next year, "Strike at Stroke" could be the next slogan as it steps up the campaign for research, understanding and treatment of stroke illness.

It is almost 100 years since the association started as the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, being inaugurated in 1896 in a royal drawing-room at Marlborough House in London, when TB was a leading cause of death in Britain. Campaigns, including vaccination, dairy herd inspection and better ventilation of schools and work-places, helped almost to halve the number of cases in less than 30 years.

When by 1959 tuberculosis was largely conquered, the NAPT became the Chest and Heart Association, setting its sights on combating asthma, chronic bronchitis, and other disabling chest diseases, as well as the main killer, heart disease.

In the association's words: "It soon became evident that an enormous research effort requiring vast resources was necessary to deal with heart disease alone."

In 1962, therefore, the British Heart Foundation was formed to support cardiac research to prevent heart disease, to promote health education and anti-smoking activities, and giving help and advice to patients and their families. The CHA work on chest disease went on.

Next year will be the tenth anniversary of its last change of name - to the Chest, Heart and Stroke Association - but the fight is still on against the 28 million working days lost each year through bronchitis, the problems of one in ten who suffer asthma and the 150,000 deaths annually from heart disease.

The national campaign next year aims to heighten public knowledge of stroke illness, which accounted for 13 per cent of deaths in 1984. "There is a

lack of awareness of the problems of stroke," says Sir David Atkinson, director general of the association.

The CHSA publishes books, booklets and leaflets to help patients and their families understand their illnesses. There is a quarterly magazine, *Hope*, and a range of counselling and welfare services where sufferers can get help covering personal problems, hospital visits and grants to deal with financial difficulties. Last year, the association responded to more than 30,000 requests for help and advice.

"But more than a quarter of the CHSA's funds are spent on research," Sir David points out. Much of that is concentrated on seeking to prevent illness. All the money they raise is by voluntary donation and they need to attract about £1 million a year to sustain their present activities. These include more than 60 Volunteer Stroke Schemes, where volunteers help retrain stroke victims in communications skills, and the 383 stroke clubs affiliated to the CHSA.

## 'Lack of awareness of the problems'

A more recent venture by the association is its production of a film, *Why Me?*, which won the main award at the British Industrial and Scientific Films 1985 Festival. It relates graphically the stories of three very different people who had a stroke, and is now being sold and hired out round the country.

While not all stroke patients are admitted to hospital, the association says: "As long as this is at the discretion of the medical attendant and the patient's family and not due to a lack of facilities, this is acceptable."

What is required in all parts of the country, it says, is "a co-ordinated domiciliary service to ensure that stroke people receive the best care available to help them rehabilitate themselves".



Positive approach: Sir David Atkinson (above), and Dr Sue Rudge and Jocelyn Tam (centre) with patient Thomas Halls

## Helping people to help themselves

Cliff Morgan, the former Welsh international rugby player, Barbara Woodhouse, the dog trainer, and Patricia Neal, the actress, have all had to fight the illness that ranks third in the death table but comes top in the league of disabling diseases. It was Patricia Neal's experience with the untrained help of Valerie Eaton Griffith that started the Volunteer Stroke Scheme in 1973.

Next year, Hastings will have the 64th scheme that the Chest, Heart and Stroke Association has started for the National Health Service to finance ultimately.

Using volunteers recruited and trained by an association-paid regional organizer, the scheme provides sustained help at home to help patients recover as much as possible and become as independent as their disabilities will allow.

Basing their work on the personal interests of the patients, each volunteer team of between two and 10 people will work on a regular rota towards supporting, stimulating and encouraging an individual to relearn speech and understanding, to handle numbers and money and to regain such basic skills as telling the time, identifying shapes and colours while maintaining regular practice with them.

Before each scheme is set up, the local health authority will have agreed to take over the funding from the association after two years. Patients are referred to the organizers by health professionals such as speech therapists with whom

the organizers often have close contact.

Without such sustained help - and it may take anything from a few months to a year or more before the volunteers are formally withdrawn - there is a risk that patients and their spouses will be trapped in a downward spiral of isolation, low confidence, hopelessness, further illness and strain. That has led ultimately to the breakup of many stroke victims' marriages. Miss Eaton Griffith, who has just stepped down as National Organizer after 12 years of promoting the scheme, says:

Now consultant to the Volunteer Stroke Scheme, she says that of the volunteers and patients who came together through the scheme, many have remained friends, and that the visits continue for years after the patient is no longer dependent on their work.

The association's aim is for an active network of such schemes which have proved successful for patients of all ages and ability. Originally setting its sights on five a year it now hopes to start up 10 annually.

The NHS has also been taking steps to rehabilitate stroke patients more effectively by setting up units in hospitals. But there are still only 13 nationwide, the most recent having been opened in August at St Andrews Hospital in Newham, East London.

The doctor in charge of the St Andrews unit, Sue Rudge, is a consultant rheumatologist who works with colleagues in physiotherapy, speech and occu-



Elaine Fullard: Promoting preventive medicine

pational therapy, nursing and social work; to better prepare patients for the long haul to good or partial recovery.

Dr Rudge says stroke patients on general medical wards often are the last to receive constant rehabilitation treatment.

Patients of any age may be referred to the unit. So far, the range has been between 41 and 95. Mrs Jocelyn Tam, the senior physiotherapist, has one other full-time colleague and an aide.

The speech and occupational therapists work part-time. All are pleased with the way it is working so far. But little has been done on the preventive side. In 1981, a Royal College of General Practitioners report said that at least half of all strokes were preventable.

As a result of that report, *Prevention of Arterial Disease in General Practice*, the association funded a research project to test whether family doctors could be helped to screen their patients for the factors that were known to contribute to strokes.

The Oxford Prevention of Heart Attack and Stroke Project, as it is called, has been going three years and is now poised to go national.

Elaine Fullard, a trained nurse, health visitor and health educationalist, was employed as promoter to the project. As a temporary guest in a general practice she helped doctors and other members of the primary health care team to set the screening programme, started, acting as tutor to the practice nurses, introducing the screening methods to the doctors and advising health visitors, practice managers and receptionists.

Miss Fullard and her research colleagues - Dr Godfrey Fowler, a GP and clinical reader in general practice to Oxford University, and Dr Muir Gray, a community physician - found that most practices could adopt the simple low cost "opportunistic" approach to screening. Patients who attended the surgery on other matters were offered a "human MOT" while on the spot or by appointment.

The result of their work may not show up for years but if it goes only part way towards the college's assertion that many strokes are preventable it will have reduced potential turmoil for thousands of people. It is, she says, real preventive medicine on the NHS.

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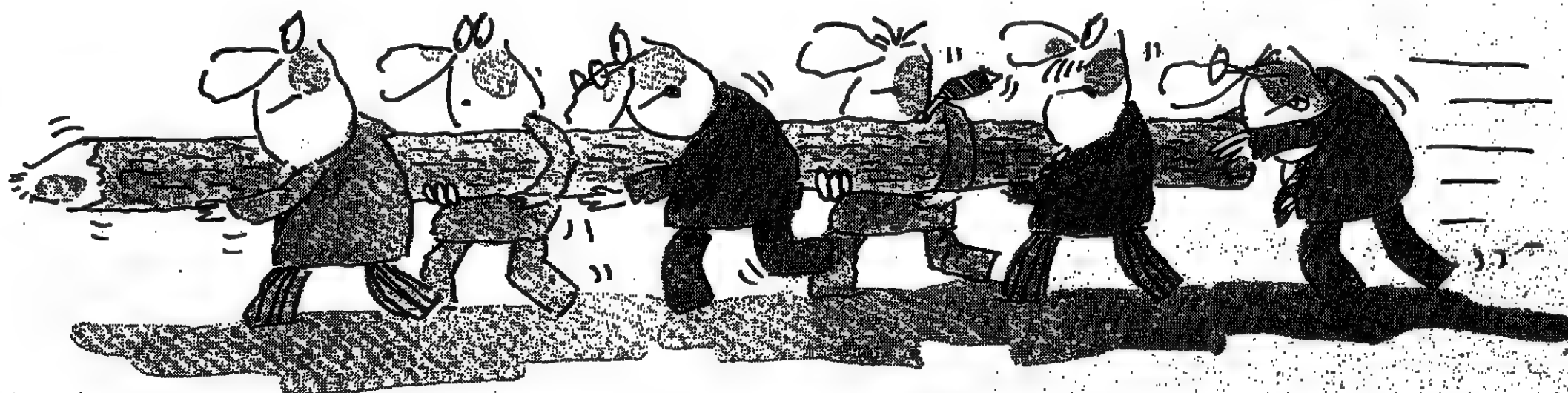
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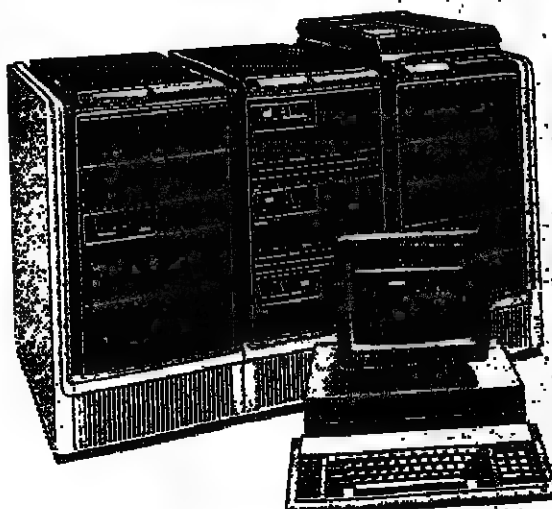
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The Boltons: Howard and Janet with daughter Katie at home in Orpington, Kent



The McLoughlins: Janet and Gerrard in Edinburgh finding strength in therapy



The Christys: Charles and Josephine in High Wycombe

CASE HISTORY/1

**The best therapy came from baby Katie**

On Christmas morning last year, Howard Bolton received a letter from his wife, Janet, and their new born daughter, Katie. The baby, a week old, was "absolutely perfect", he said. Yet Mrs Bolton, then aged 26, had had a stroke when she was 24 weeks pregnant with Katie.

Mrs Bolton had complained of a headache and as her husband went to make her a cup of tea she collapsed, vomiting. Fearing a miscarriage, Mr Bolton realised something was seriously wrong and called in a neighbour who was a casualty nurse at the local Orpington hospital. "She really saved Janet", he says.

Mrs Bolton was rushed to hospital by car and it was due to the neighbour that they reached the right part of the hospital so quickly. Within minutes Mrs Bolton was on a life support machine. Mr Bolton, concerned about the baby, then learned that his wife might only live for two hours. She remained unconscious for about two weeks.

Both their families were supportive, but friends, being less emotionally involved, were very important, he says. The stroke, the result of a cerebral haemorrhage, left Mrs Bolton with right-sided hemiplegia and speech problems. In addition, around once a month, she has epileptic-type fits. "Everything is all right for three weeks and then we have a dodgy week", Mr Bolton says.

The best therapy came from baby Katie

Throughout the hospital staff kept them fully informed. "Doctors told us everything - except about Katie," Mr Bolton said. "Nobody knew until the day she was born exactly what her condition would be."

After leaving hospital, there were twice weekly sessions of both physiotherapy and speech therapy. Now the farmer has been reduced to once a week and the speech therapy has just stopped, to be re-assessed later. A home help calls once a week.

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Unwillingness to tempt fate

Mr Bolton, who had been working mornings with a dairy to free his afternoons to go "on the knowledge" studying to become a taxi driver, had to give up work to look after his wife and child. They sold Mrs Bolton's car and exchanged his car for a camper to accommodate his wife's wheelchair and the pram.

"We don't use the wheelchair as much now," he said, "except for such things as shopping trips."

Both have been impressed by the number of people who have helped and encouraged them. "It was unbelievable," Mr Bolton said. "On their first shopping trip together, they were approached at the supermarket by a woman unknown

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CASE HISTORY/2

**Physicist learns basic skills from volunteers**

Gerrard McLoughlin, a physicist at Edinburgh's Western General Hospital, was cycling to his garden allotment one Sunday morning when he was struck by a cerebral haemorrhage.

For the next six months, it was touch and go for Mr McLoughlin, then aged 48, as medical complications followed the initial break in a weak wall of a brain blood vessel. "I was talking about when Gerry came out of the life support machine," Mrs Janet McLoughlin recalls. "But the nursing sister said that it was 'it'."

It is a period of which her husband has little recollection. Two operations later, Mr McLoughlin was transferred to the Astley Ainslie, a large rehabilitation hospital where he spent the next five months. His stroke had left him paralysed down his right side and unable to speak, read or write.

Physiotherapy and speech therapy became a regular routine, but whereas some patients start fighting back at that point, Mr McLoughlin had been through two major operations, and was still "too ill" and "too low" to battle.

About that time, Mrs McLoughlin was given the book *A Stroke in the Family* which stimulated her to recruit volunteers for her husband when he came out of hospital.

Her family doctor mentioned the Chest Heart and Stroke

Physicist learns basic skills from volunteers

Association and at the same time the hospital speech therapist referred Mr McLoughlin to Mrs Isobel Macleod, the local Volunteers Stroke Scheme organizer, who arranged two volunteers in addition to the three found by Mrs McLoughlin.

Eleven months after setting out for his allotment, Gerrard arrived home in a wheel chair to their third floor flat in central Edinburgh. His wife, undaunted by the hospital report that suggested he was unlikely to get much better, resisted suggestions to move to ground floor accommodation. "We just knew that improvement was possible," she says.

A return to work is out

As Mrs McLoughlin, a teacher, prepared to return to work after the summer break, the five volunteers came by daily to work with her husband. Backed by her determination, they built on his own interests to help him re-learn the basic skills of life.

It took several of them to manoeuvre Mr McLoughlin and his wheelchair down the three flights of stairs to the outside world. "I don't know how we would have got on all last winter without them," Mrs McLoughlin says.

For almost 10 months, the

CASE HISTORY/3

**On the road to recovery**

A slight oddness in Charles Christy's right hand was the first sign, one weekend before Christmas 1974, that he had had a mild stroke. His wife, Josephine, called the family doctor, who could find nothing wrong, and advised him to stay at home.

Later that day Mr Christy, 56, had a huge stroke. He was admitted to Amersham Hospital, in Buckinghamshire, where he lay unconscious for seven days. He remained there about six weeks before being transferred to a rehabilitation hospital in Oxford which he left about Easter 1975.

When he returned to his home in High Wycombe he could not talk and was paralysed in his right arm and leg. He walks with a stick, talks haltingly, gardens and plays bridge. But he still cannot use his right hand and stairs are a problem.

Mrs Christy says it was the

On the road to recovery

stroke club with which they made contact in June 1975 that started him on the way to recovery. Three volunteers, one a retired schoolmistress, work with Mr Christy. "They helped to get him talking again and got him out into the world," his wife says.

Many of their friends now have been made through the club. It also helped her husband who was spurred on by meeting others similarly afflicted.

The blood clot that caused Mr Christy's stroke turned their whole life upside down. Still years of retirement, Mr Christy an engineer, can no longer work.

Once a week, Mr Christy goes to a centre for occupational therapy, where he has taken-up carpentry, and they go to the stroke club.

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The many reasons behind a stroke

The damage done to the brain by a stroke is rather like that done to a town by a bomb. So writes Professor Bernard Isaacs, chairman of the CHSA stroke committee, in the association's guide to understanding stroke illness. Like a bomb blast, a stroke begins with terrifying suddenness and does its damage instantly; but the aftermath of recovery can be a long drawn-out tedious process.

Each year there are 100,000 new cases of stroke, which can affect people of many ages - from the early or mid-twenties to those in middle or old age. About 1 per cent of those are below 40. It is not possible to pinpoint any single cause of the illness, although there are known "risk factors".

Hypertension (persistently raised blood pressure) can lead to a stroke, although it does not always do so. Smoking, being overweight and eating too much salt are also suspected, and diabetes and heart disease.

Stress, strain, overwork or emotional family arguments do not cause strokes, except in novels, Professor Isaacs emphasizes. "In fact, many strokes occur while the patient is asleep in bed," he says. There was no proof that if a patient had taken life more easily the stroke might never have happened.

A stroke may result from cerebral haemorrhage, bleeding from one of the brain's blood vessels into the brain. Or it may be due to an embolism, the sudden blocking of a brain artery, usually by a clot of blood but sometimes by a fat globule, a piece of tissue or a clump of bacteria. Either of those cerebral vascular accidents damages an area of the brain which then loses its ability to carry out its particular functions.

The type of disability and its severity depend upon the part of the brain affected and the size of the damaged area.

The degree of recovery also varies from person to person. Some people get completely better. But a third of victims die within the first three or four weeks. Of the rest, a third make a good recovery. Two thirds have a marked disability; half of them will have a marked speech or communication problem.

To victims and their families, the illness is bewildering. Relatives of a stroke patient sometimes say that "he is a changed man since it happened".

Just as individuals vary, so do the effects of a stroke on its victims. But there are problems that are particularly common. They include:

- Loss of consciousness.
- Paralysis of one side of the body, called hemiplegia, or a slight loss of strength in one arm and leg, known as hemiparesis. There may also be a weakness of one side of the face, which may cause drooping from the weak side of the mouth and difficulty in chewing.
- Loss of feeling in, or loss of awareness of the affected side of the body.
- Difficulty on seeing out of one side of each eye, for example if the sufferer is weak on his or her left side, there may be difficulty in seeing out of the left side of each eye.

Many people think that as a stroke happens suddenly, it will clear up just as quickly. That is not so. Recovery is usually a gradual process that varies from person to person. It may take weeks, months or years.

The fact that someone has suffered one stroke does mean that he or she will ever have another - although they could, the chances are they will not.

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## FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

# Telegraph handed over for a mess of pottage

According to Nicholas Berry, in his own eyes his father's greatest achievement was not the *Sunday Telegraph*, although he was rightly proud of starting the first new national newspaper after the Second World War, it was the arrangements he, Lord Hartwell, had carefully made to ensure that ownership of the two Telegraph newspapers remained private and within the Berry family. Barring an eleventh hour change of plan, control of The Daily Telegraph, through a 51 per cent shareholding, is about to pass to Conrad Black, a wealthy, powerful and ambitious Canadian.

Whatever the shortcomings at The Daily Telegraph that made a change of ownership inevitable, if "inevitable" is the right word, this is a cruel fate for a man who has lived for and through two great newspapers.

Journalists who have worked for him have not always felt easy with his patriarchal methods, his belief in gerontocracy, his tight-fistedness, and his rigid definition of loyalty; nevertheless he has always remained the best newspaper proprietor of his time. He believes in freedom of expression.

Personal suffering cannot be measured; the financial agony of the sale of shares to Mr Black can.

The Daily Telegraph's immediate problem is lack of money. The company's ambitious plans for building and equipping two new printing plants and the enormous costs of the staff cuts needed to make any sense of an investment on this scale, require borrowings and new equity capital far beyond The Telegraph's available resources. However you look at it, the balance sheet is threatening to become unworkable.

Yet if you look at the company's earning capacity, the picture is altogether healthier.

With an annual turnover of £150 million and margins which ought to be around 20 per cent, a pretax profit figure of around £30 million, and earnings of £20 million, should be attainable. Applying a niggardly exit multiple of 10 to this would give a takeover value of around £200 million.

If these figures are on the high side, The Telegraph ought to be worth £150 million as a going concern.

When the *Financial Times* was on strike recently, it is widely suggested that the Pearson management was faced with - and rejected - a bid from John Fairfax's Australian newspaper group, worth around £100 million.

Mr Black took a stake of 14 per cent in The Telegraph in June, which cost him £10 million. The small print of the deal, which The Telegraph management was desperate to sign, gave Mr Black an option to buy further shares which come on offer.

It soon became transparently clear that The Telegraph had purchased not time through its £110 million cash-raising exercise, but a millstone. It failed to make its forecasts; more money was required; and the banks were reluctant to provide it.

Mr Black, like any good brag player, has been content to play a quiet hand, he has picked up his cards and discovered that he has a winning hand. He is about to buy control of The Telegraph, that is, the extra 37 per cent needed to give him 51 per cent, not for the £75 million which a conventional bid might entail, but for a total consideration of perhaps £30 million. The critical 37 per cent appears to be costing him around £20 million.

This is a great coup for Mr Black, but it is a sorry tale on the part of both The Telegraph board and their merchant banking and stockbroking advisers, N. M. Rothschild and Cazenove. A vital part of the available forum of British social, intellectual and business life is passing into overseas hands for a mere £30 million.

This is not a bid governed by the rules of the Takeover Panel, which would oblige Mr Black to offer similar terms to the

remaining 49 per cent of shareholders. A majority holding is enough to ensure control. Mr Black is under no constraints to pay more.

Lord Hartwell has sold his birthright for a mess of pottage.

## Wind taken from dollar's sails

The "Group of Five" got back to work yesterday. Very modest intervention - total dollar sales of about \$200 million (£141 million) - took the wind out of the dollar's sails yesterday afternoon, though it gathered speed again later in New York.

Sterling dropped below \$1.41 in the morning, bounced back above \$1.42 as the dollar checked, then slipped again a little to close at \$1.4107 in London. This was a mere side-show of the dollar performance; the real sterling story was illustrated by the sharp drop in the trade-weighted index. The sterling index closed at 77.9. The most significant effect of the continuing confusion in the oil market has been on Sterling's value against the mark; the pound closed in London just below DM3.60.

This is a substantial drop, wholly welcome to British industry, in the triangle of exchange rates involving Britain's main trading partners. Against the dollar, the pound was yesterday merely back to its position in mid-November, just before the Autumn Statement, and about 35 per cent above its low point early this year. Against the mark, however, the pound had dropped back to last February's level, more than 10 per cent below its midsummer peak.

## Lloyd's admission over reforms

The scramble by the Council of Lloyd's to convince the outside world that it is capable of regulating itself satisfactorily is not hard to explain. The package of reforms announced on Tuesday comes only a matter of days away from the publication of the Financial Services Bill. As things stand, it seems that Lloyd's is going to escape outside the framework for regulation envisaged by the Bill - at least, this is the position according to the latest statements from Mr Leon Brittan, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

Mr Brittan said that Lloyd's activities could not be covered in the Bill because many of these are not concerned with investment. True enough, but at the same time it is well known that Lloyd's syndicates make large sums of money from the actual business of underwriting but from investment of underwriting premiums, an activity which could easily be viewed as proper material for the Financial Services Bill. Moreover, whatever Mr Brittan is at present saying it is clear that there is much lobbying - not just from Mr Brian Sedgmore - aimed at drawing Lloyd's into the Bill's net before it becomes fixed in the statute book.

The Council's reform package shows that it too is fully aware that the issue is by no means resolved. Hence the surprise inclusion of a Council by-law to beef up long-awaited measures aimed at outlawing "baby" syndicates and preferred underwriting.

If the threatened writ from the PCW names does materialize, then Lloyd's may face a tougher challenge to its independence than even the relentless Mr Sedgmore can mount. Any cause of action against Lloyd's arising out of the PCW affair will precede the 1982 Act and the immunity that the Act affords Lloyd's. In which case, the reform measures that the Council is promulgating could prove to be a considerable weapon for the PCW names. The mere fact that Lloyd's now believes supervision needs radical improvement might seem awfully close to an admission that it was, shall we say, less than totally effective in the past.

# JMB shows £69.4m loss as Bank prepares for sale

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Johnson Matthey Bankers yesterday reported a pretax loss of £69.4 million for the 15 months to June 30 in its first official accounts since its near-collapse and takeover by the Bank of England last year.

The accounts form the first stage of the Bank's effort to sell JMB back to the private sector and will be sent, together with additional confidential information, to about 20 interested institutions before Christmas.

Losses attributable to JMB's shareholders amount to £210 million, after the addition of extra provisions of £140 million against bad debts to make up for inadequate provision in earlier accounting periods.

The pretax result was almost entirely due to losses on JMB's

banking operations amounting to £73.7 million, although figures breaking contributed a further loss of £2.7 million. Bullion operations, however, produced a profit of £7.1 million and insurance broking a profit of £1 million.

Banking losses are entirely on loans made before the Bank of England took over the running of JMB in October last year.

A 15-month accounting period was necessary because of the difficulty in sorting out JMB's confused financial position.

Mr David Walker, the chairman of JMB and an executive director of the Bank of England, said that the results marked a turning point in JMB's affairs.

Taking account of the Bank's

injection of capital and the rescue package arranged with City banks, JMB had almost broken even since October last year.

He added that the bank's losses would be vastly reduced in the current year and that the provisions for bad debts were now fully sufficient. The bullion operation was expected to remain profitable.

Mr Walker said that the results were affected by gross under-reserving in the period before JMB's near-collapse.

A total of £140 million had to be added to the existing £22 million provisions. A further £40 million of interest unpaid on loans, which had formerly been treated as income, had to be suspended.

Provisions for the current reporting period amounted to £54 million, giving a total of £255 million in provisions for JMB Group.

Mr Walker said that after provisions the JMB loan book amounted to £140 million, roughly half of which was still non-performing loans paying no interest.

JMB's gross loan book had been reduced by more than £50 million to £394 million since September 1984, mainly through loan recoveries.

Mr Walker confirmed that the Bank of England would expect to give "warranties and indemnities" on JMB's financial position to any purchaser of the bank.



Sir Eric Sharp

## Cable and Wireless sale proves successful

By Our Business Correspondent

The £933 million Cable and Wireless share sale has proved a success despite fears that the fall in the stock market over the last week would leave the issue high and dry.

The block of shares that had been reserved for applications from the general public and employees was about two times oversubscribed, attracting applications from more than 200,000 investors. The basis of allocation is to be announced today by the company, whose chairman is Sir Eric Sharp.

A third of the 146.11 million shares on offer were reserved for the general public. A further third was offered by way of rights to existing shareholders and this was roughly 75 per cent subscribed.

The sale is Britain's second largest equity issue after last year's flotation of British Telecom. Of the amount raised, £602 million will go to the Government which is selling its remaining 22.7 per cent stake in the telecommunications group, and £331 million to the company.

At one stage yesterday, the price of Cable and Wireless shares dropped below 58p at which the Government had chosen to pitch the offer for sale. But applications from the public which had been posted several days previously, were sufficient to save the issue from disaster. Last night the shares closed at 59.5p.

The "stags" steered clear of the issue.

Of the 146.11 million shares on offer, a third were placed with professional institutional investors in the City and another third were offered to existing shareholders by way of rights on the basis of one new share for every eight held. The remaining one-third block which was earmarked for private investors was comfortably oversubscribed.

## Brown calls in Panel after S & N 'victory'

By Jeremy Warner, Business Correspondent

Scottish & Newcastle Breweries was last night accused of a "clear breach of takeover rules and etiquette" after declaring unconditional its £126 million bid for Matthew Brown, the Blackburn brewer.

Matthew Brown said it refused to accept the result, which comes after a bitter takeover battle lasting more than six months.

An appeal has been lodged with the Takeover Panel and Matthew Brown said it would not hesitate to take its case to the courts if necessary.

Shortly after 3.30 pm yesterday, when the offer was due to close, Scottish & Newcastle said it had accepted from shareholders representing more than 47 per cent of the equity, and it was extending the offer to 5 pm.

Morgan Grenfell, Scottish & Newcastle's merchant bank adviser, had by 5 pm persuaded more shareholders to accept tipping the acceptance level over 50 per cent.

Schroders, the merchant bank advising Matthew Brown, said last night that Scottish & Newcastle had breached takeover rules by extending the offer, and that an appeal to the Takeover Panel's full executive was being made.

Mr Nicholas Jones, of Schroders, said: "The offer should have lapsed at 3.30 when they did not have enough acceptances to win."

"Having behaved appallingly

throughout the day by phoning round members of the Brown and Theakston families in an attempt to get them to sell their shares, they then went ahead and broke the rules in order to win."

Mr Jones added: "Very heavy pressure was undoubtedly applied to a number of institutions between 3.30 and 5. Their announcement at 3.30 that they were close to winning was also against the spirit of the rules since it was an attempt to bulldoze people into accepting."

Matthew Brown shares rose 22p to 56p on the announcement that the offer was unconditional. Earlier jobbers had been refusing to make a price in the shares anticipating an extremely close result.

The Prudential, owning just under 5 per cent of the shares, accepted the bid. A spokesman said it was "an extremely difficult decision to make" but the price being offered was too good to reject.

Morgan Grenfell has handed a list to the Takeover Panel of all those who accepted the bid after 3.30 pm.

In a statement shortly after 5 pm, Scottish & Newcastle said that "acceptances, together with shares owned or agreed to be acquired by S & N, amount to over 50 per cent of the issued ordinary share capital of Matthew Brown and the offer has been declared unconditional as to acceptances."

## Accountancy award for council

By Ian Griffiths

The public sector is waking up to the need to present its financial results to the consumer in a clear, effective and efficient fashion.

This is indicated by the level of interest in the 1985 Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's annual accounts award, which is designed to promote improved financial reporting in the public sector.

A record 118 bodies submitted their accounts for consideration by the panel of judges, a 50 per cent increase on last year. There was also a wider spread of interest among the public sector.

The winner of the 1985 award was the City of Southampton which was selected for its integration of financial and non-financial data and for its emphasis on accountability to consumers.

Announcing the awards, Sarah Hogg, economics editor of *The Times* and a member of the judging panel, singled out the entrants from the health authorities as the most encouraging section of the scheme.

She said: "Authorities are now tackling the difficult but essential issue of defining performance indicators. There were many genuine attempts to explain the complex relationships between services and finance to the layman."

## IN BRIEF

### £109m rig orders won

Shell is placing orders worth a total of £109.5 million for its Tern and Eider North Sea oilfields with four shipyards in the north east and two in Scotland. This will provide jobs for 2,300 people, with a further 1,000 jobs being created indirectly, David Young writes.

This brings the total of orders placed by the North Sea oil industry this year with British shipyards to a total of almost £1 billion.

Shell is spending a total of £970 million on the Tern platform and £640 million on the Eider platform.

### Tate advance

Tate & Lyle lifted profits from £65.4 million to £76.7 million before tax in the year to September 30. Turnover was down from £1.676 million to £1.627 million. The final dividend is up by 2p to 14.5p. *Tempos, page 23*

### Granada surge

Granada Group, the bingo halls to television programmes company, has increased pretax profits to £64.4 million for the year to September 28, up from £53.8 million. Turnover rose to £767.3 million, from £634.2 million. A final dividend of 4.75p makes 7.1p for the year, an 11 per cent increase. *Tempos, page 23*

The US merchandise trade deficit on a balance of payments basis was a record \$33.14 billion (£23.38 billion) in the July-September quarter of 1985, the Commerce Department said in Washington yesterday. The deficit was up from a revised deficit of \$28.59 billion in the second quarter. Previously the Department estimated the second-quarter deficit at \$53.42 billion. In the third quarter of 1984 the deficit was \$28.98 billion.

### Ford prospect

Ford Motor Company's fourth-quarter earnings were likely to fall below last year's \$3.89 a share due to lost production from plant changeovers connected with the opening of the \$3,000 million (£2,110 million) Taurus/Sable car line, Mr Donald Petersen, the chairman, said in Detroit.

### Hillsdown offer

Hillsdown holdings has received acceptance for 12,470,034 Walker and Homer shares (90.96 per cent) and intends to acquire compulsorily the remaining shares.

## Fresh state aid unlikely for steel

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Mr Robert Scholey, chief executive and chairman-elect of the British Steel Corporation, yesterday dismissed suggestions that European governments would intervene again to prop up ailing steel companies.

State aid to steel industries in the European Community finishes at the end of this year, but there have been fears that governments will be forced to throw lifelines to their companies if the industry's troubles, largely stemming from over capacity, continue.

But Mr Scholey, who is also president of Eurofer, the cartel of European steelmakers, said: "My view is that such intervention is highly unlikely and that the European steel industry has roughly two or three years to get its act together before finding itself in a free market situation."

Initially, the European industry faced considerable difficulty. It was feeling the mixed consequences of a weakened dollar and its effect on the market, imports from Third World countries were increasing and steel makers in the EEC were at various stages of reconstruction. In addition, the European Commission calculated that another 26 million tonnes of hot-rolled capacity needed to be taken out of service.

## Charter Consolidated profits up 31%

By Michael Prest, Financial Correspondent

Charter Consolidated, the mining and industrial finance house, raised pretax profits for the first-half to the end of September by 31 per cent to £11.1 million. Earnings per share recovered from 4.3p to 7.3p, but the dividend was maintained at 3.75p net.

Meanwhile, Anderson Strathclyde, the Scottish mining equipment maker which Charter bought two years ago, slipped back from a £494,000

pretax profit to an £868,000 loss in its first-half.

Charter's higher profits are largely explained by much lower interest charges, the result of extensive closure and restapings of businesses. Interest payable dropped from £9.6 million to £3.9 million.

But operating profits were £1.2 million lower at £9.23 million. Mr Neil Clarke, Charter's chief executive, said that

Anderson Strathclyde's results, for which its American subsidiary National Mine Service was partly responsible, and the contracting and civil engineering parts of Shand had been disappointing.

But he said that operating profits would improve in the present six months and that most of the management changes and restructuring of Charter's subsidiaries and associates had been completed.

## MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS		MAIN PRICE CHANGES		CURRENCIES	
FT Ind Ord	1103.7 (-12.0)	RISERS:		London	
FT All Share	887.71 (-5.78)	Brewmaker	22p +3p	£1.4107 (-0.0263)	
FT Govt Securities	82.74 (-0.07)	Bentley Heds	24p +3p	DM 3.5991 (-0.0477)	
FT-SE 100	1377.4 (-12.1)	Sunlight Electr	14.50p +1.50p	Sfr 3.0103 (-0.0368)	
Bargains	24.891	Spencer Clark	12p +1p	FFr 10.9868 (-0.1551)	
Dataseam USM	105.54 (-1.84)	Barr & Wal Arnd A	26p +2p	Yen 288.15 (-3.98)	
New York		Fergalook Group	48p +3p	Index: 77.8 (-1.0)	
Dow Jones	1507.22 (+8.03)	Die Technology	48p +3p	New York	
Tokyo		Valverton Inv	37p +2p	£1.4110	
Nikkei Dow	12972.00 (+121.05)	FALLS:		DM 2.5457	
Hong Kong		Microvisco	18p -6p	Sfr 127.9 (+0.2)	
Hang Seng	1723.05 (-5.24)	Intervis Video	3.50p -1p	ECU 28.87210	
Amsterdam	234.5 (-2.0)	Adam Leisure Gas	7p -1p	SDR 27.79884	
Sydney: AO	980.8 (N/C)	Stearns Romans RV	15p -2p		
Frankfurt		Tds Circuits	110p -13p		
Commerzbank	1745.3 (+6.2)	Charterhall	25p -3p		
Brussels		Bolton Textile	19p -2p		
General	848.15 (-27.78)	Juliana's Hides	68p -7p		
Pariss GAG	247.5 (-0.3)	Aspiral Hides	150p -20p		
Zurich		McCannery & Stone	240p -20p		
SCA General	481.10 (+6.1)	Central & Shearwood	6p -0.50p		
		Falcon Inds	25p -2p		
		Clyde Petroleum	51p -4p		
		Cliff Oil Heds	26p -2p		
		ICC Oil Services	8.50p -0.50p		
		Monument Oil & Gas	12p -1p		
		Carless, Capel & Leonard	95p -1p		
		Sargent Photo	95p -7p		
		Comb Tech Corp	7p -0.50p		

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## STOCK MARKET REPORT

## Profit-taking sends shares tumbling

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

Equities came close to slipping below 1,100 points yesterday as the oil price war and Mrs Thatcher's interest rate warning took their toll.

There was a wave of selling when the market opened with some private investors dismayed by the market's recent softness and anxious to take whatever profit that remained. But trading quietened down after the initial activity and a rather more serene atmosphere prevailed.

Shares of Home Charm, the do-it-yourself group, slipped 5p to 285p as Mr Jack Defries, chairman at Greene & Co., the broker, detected "a major sell signal". The shares, which have been as high as 365p this year, could be heading for 260p or even 215p.

Consumer shares were particularly weak. Besides the Prime Minister's interest rate comments they had to contend with sterling's continuing retreat reducing the scope, or even hope, of tax cuts.

The FT 30-share index closed down 12.0 points at 1,037.9 points. The FT-SE share index suffered a 12.1 point decline to 1,377.4 points making a 24.5 point fall so far this week.

Stores were marked lower and breweries suffered some sharp falls. Bass, the biggest brewer, fell 28p to 630p at one time. But Matthew Brown, the Blackburn brewery, jumped 42p to 580p as it appeared that Scottish and Newcastle Breweries had just clinched victory in the bitterly contested takeover bid. Scottish fell 2p to 176p.

Government stocks closed off their bottom, down up to 1/4.

The great Cable & Wireless share sale finished quietly with the issue over-subscribed, perhaps 1 1/2 times. The shares rose 5p to 395p.

Oils, predictably, suffered as the crude price continued to slide. British Petroleum lost 8p to 533p. Explorers were particularly weak. Triton, the old Inven Energy, slumped 40p to 255p with the stock shipping more punishment than some others because of its recent strength.

British Aerospace fell 12p to 451p alongside reports that the Saudis may pull out of the contract to buy Tornado aircraft, but the tales looked far-fetched.

More to the point for British Aerospace is how the Saudis will pay for the contract. The buyers have already said they wish to pay in oil, and the commodity is now looking like the weakest currency around.

Other engineering companies faded in the dull atmosphere. TI Group dropped 10p to 377p as the City began to lose hope of any takeover move for the metals to bicycle group.

Evered Holdings, which has sat on a roughly 20 per cent stake in TI for the past few months, still looks some distance from making a move.

Evered shares were 4p lower at 192p. Share prices among industrial and building materials companies were weak. Norcross fell 7p to 192p after City comment on the recent figures, and English China Clay and Pukington Brothers slumped 4p on their profits announcements due today.

McCarthy & Stone, the sheltered housing specialist, dropped 20p to 240p as profit-takers moved in. This week the

group reported a 40 per cent rise in profits for the year to August. Life assurance companies shared in the market downturn, with dealers reporting sight of large lines of stock in Equity & Law, Legal & General, London & Manchester and Pearl Assurance. Share prices fell by several pence, with Pearl slipping 30p to 1238p, L & G down 15p to 734p and Equity & Law falling 10p to 245p.

There was some feeling that next week's two white papers, Watch shares of J. A. Devenish, the West Country Brewery. The Whitbread brewing group has 26 per cent of the capital and is said to be unhappy at the company's performance. Border Breweries (Wrexham), the last Whitbread "umbrella" company to show signs of struggling, was taken over by Marston, Thompson & Evered with Whitbread's help. Could the same fate befall Devenish? Its shares were down 5p at 665p yesterday.

on pensions and investor protection, will reveal bad news for the life insurers, and that such worries added to the jittery tone of the sector. But leading analysts doubted if any significant changes might be made, although there may be some tightening up of the rules about disclosure of commissions on life policies.

Suggestions that the state earnings-related pension scheme (Serps) will not be scrapped but merely modified have also been made. Again, however, such news will not harm the assurance companies. Although observers in the City might have liked the state scheme dismantled completely, leaving assets with the chance

of new business, any modifications to Serps will still be in the companies' favour.

Frederick Cooper, the steel processor and engineer, took a heavy knock from its annual results. The share price dropped 10p to 21p as the company announced halved full year profits of £223,141. The dividend was also reduced, the annual payout worth 1.10p against 1.77p in 1983-84.

Bad profit news also hurt the shares of other companies across the lists. NSS Newsagents saw a 23 per cent decline in full year profits and the share price dropped 6p to 98p. British Building and Engineering Appliances slumped 20p to 130p following announcement of a 78 per cent drop in its pretax profits.

Profits at Tate & Lyle were in line with market expectations, but the share price was knocked, closing down 22p at 546p.

United Biscuits, however, stayed a firm market, despite some attempts in early trade yesterday to push the shares lower. The price is responding to suggestions that PepsiCo of the US has picked up a stake in UB and intends to step in with a full bid.

Another offer is needed, since the recent takeover bid from Imperial Group for UB looks like finding under the pressure of Hansard's refusal to sell. Yesterday the UB price edged 1p higher to 253p by the close.

Fading bid hopes clipped Aspinall Holdings, the casino company, 14p to 155p. Northumbria, distributor of computer printers and peripherals, saw its shares fall 10p to 100p after interim profits of £829,000 and is seeking elevation from the USM to full

listing. Its shares were unchanged at 240p.

Berkley Exploration fell 3p to 95p as Elf, the French group, sold its 16.2 per cent shareholding to Charterhouse Petroleum which now has 26.5 per cent. Castle (GB), distributor of kitchen furniture and bathroom equipment, was suspended at 11p at the company's request.

Spencer Clark, the specialist steels group, which is involved in takeover talks, improved 7p to 120p. Its figures are due

Mercury Securities fell 5p to 703p yesterday. The company denies that it is parting from one of its brokers, Hoare Govett. But there are suggestions that Mercury was deeply upset over Hoare's willingness to act for Mr Saul Steinberg when he built up his 10 per cent shareholding in the company.

today and there are hopes that it will also announce details of the bid.

Pearson had an eventful session closing 5p down at 423p. Ocean Trading and Transport fell 2p to 196p.

Business on the traded options pitches stayed at a relatively high level, although somewhat subdued compared to recent activity. Total contracts for the day numbered 15,869. The business was generally widely spread, with only a handful of options reaching volumes of 1,000 contracts or thereabouts. The Stock Exchange index option saw 1,135 contracts traded, and Imperial notched up 1,061. Shell saw 1,031 and the dividend stripping option £25 contracts. There were few significant price changes.

## Granada switches over to a sharper image

Granada has always had the reputation of being more of an Albert Tatlock or Ena Sharples company than a J. R. Ewing and Alexis Carrington organization. Solid, traditional and maturing gracefully, rather than flashy arrogant and wheeler-dealing.

However, as Granada has found with the challenge to *Coronation Street* from the upstarts in *East Enders*, reputation is not enough in itself to guarantee success.

The group is therefore in the process of living up its own story in an effort to capture a greater share of the audience in the City.

The introduction of a new character in the shape of Derek Lewis as finance director, lured from the Imperial Group, set that process in motion and it continued yesterday when Granada held its first-ever meeting for City analysts.

On display was a rather mundane set of preliminary figures, with pretax profits at £64.4 million, up from £53.8 million. There was little in the results themselves to send the rosters rushing to buy the shares but, as with all good soap operas, it is the next episode which is the most important.

Granada has realigned its operations into four clearly defined divisions which will form the foundations for the group's growth. It has to be said that none of those divisions looks particularly inspiring on the surface, but this is to ignore the company's ability to squeeze increased profits out of declining businesses.

The largest division is the television rental business. The big increase in profits from the British operations is mainly the result of leaving the acquisition of Rediffusion in for a full-year for the first time. Although the customer base will continue to dwindle, Granada has still to feel the benefit of the integration, which could be worth up to £15 million this year.

The prospect for growth beyond this might appear limited, but the switch into retailing could still offer exciting growth prospects.

The television contracting business had a dull year, largely reflecting the countrywide decline in advertising revenue. The increases reported in that revenue in October and November are not a reliable guide to the future, and

James Neill's chief executive, Mr Peter Bullock, says the proposed purchase from Falcon is nothing more than an eleven-hour attempt to divert attention from the merits of his company's offer. He says the Falcon business is worth no more than £4 million.

The market seemed to side with Neill yesterday. Spear & Jackson shares slipped 5p to 247p, 3p below the cash offer and 14p below the value of the share offer, with Neill up 2p to 137p.

**Tate & Lyle**

Sucralose is the name investors could soon be hearing more often. It is Tate & Lyle's artificial sweetener, which is being tested in America and developed to compete against the current market leaders, including aspartame.

If it passes the safety requirements it could be a winner for Tate, in time. Meanwhile, it is costing money.

Sucralose is the joker in Tate's pack of fairly dull businesses. Yesterday's results demonstrated the extent of Tate's problems. The figures were unimpressive, once the accounting gloss was removed.

Reported profits were £76.7 million before tax; they would have been only £72 million but for a switch from year-end to average exchange rates. On a like-for-like basis the increase was £11.3 million, of which more than half came from recent acquisitions, with the rest reflecting movements in average exchange rates.

Mr Neil Shaw, the chairman-elect, says worldwide conditions are swinging away from best to cane producers. But this looks like a long-term prospect at best.

However, the core businesses are producing enough cash to fund Tate's acquisition programme. So far the main purchase has been Donlee Manufacturing Industries, a plastic injection moulding company, but this is owned through a 50.4 per cent subsidiary, so only that proportion of the benefits flow to the bottom line.

This year acquisition will again be important. Their contribution should result in better earnings for the first time in four years. That prospect is already reflected in an earnings multiple of 9 with the shares at 546p, down 22p

## Texaco to seek new trial over damages

Houston (Reuters) - The Texaco oil company is to seek a new trial after a judge upheld a \$10.53 billion (£7.46 billion) damages award, which Texaco says could mean bankruptcy.

Interest of \$624.7 million added to the award brings the total Texaco has been ordered to pay in damages to Pennzoil to \$11.12 billion.

The state district judge, Mr Solomon Casab, on Tuesday upheld a jury's decision against Texaco for luring Getty Oil away from an agreed merger with Pennzoil last year.

A jury decided last month that, in acquiring Getty Oil last year, Texaco induced Getty and its principal stockholders to breach a binding agreement.

Texaco claimed Getty's pact with Pennzoil was never signed, but was based on an agreement announced in a news release.

The Texaco president, Mr Alfred DeCrane, who two weeks ago said the company might consider bankruptcy proceedings yesterday that a new trial "will show that everything Texaco did was quite appropriate".

Pennzoil's president, Mr

Hugh Liedtke, said that it would not be unusual for the two companies to start talking - presumably about a settlement - prior to any appeal.

Lawyers for Texaco said the company would file a motion for a new trial within 30 days. Judge Casab then will have 30 days in which to grant or deny the motion. If the motion is denied Texaco can appeal to the next higher court, the state civil court of appeals.

Judge Casab ordered Pennzoil not to attempt to collect the award without court approval, and ordered Texaco not to dispose of any assets and to keep intact properties formerly owned by Getty while the case is under his jurisdiction.

Getty's attraction for the two rivals was its 1 billion barrels of oil reserves which Texaco and Pennzoil had considered would be cheaper to buy than drill for. Before the judge ruled, Texaco's lawyers said the signing and filing of the judgement against it would put the company into a position where it would have to seek protection from creditors.

## Price warning for NCB

The National Coal Board's biggest customer yesterday gave a warning that it would turn to imported coal if the board did not reduce its prices to world market levels.

The Central Electricity Generating Board, which takes more than 80 per cent of the NCB's annual production and provides more than 70 per cent of its income, said that if coal prices were to rise, it would have to import more to keep electricity prices to the consumer down.

Lord Marshall, chairman of the CEBG told a coal industry conference in London: "We have had problems with supply. Indeed there have been three

national strikes in the last 13 years. We are also concerned at the higher price of NCB coal compared to world coal prices.

"This amounts to a big subsidy paid by electricity consumers to the coal industry on top of the direct subsidy paid by the Government."

"We cannot persist with that situation. The NCB must get its prices right."

However, Lord Marshall said that recent developments in the coal industry had persuaded the CEBG to stick to its "mainly coal, mainly NCB" policy as an encouragement to the growing realism of the miners and the NCB management.

## Equal terms urged for gas and electricity

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The electricity industry has no objections to increased competition from a privatized gas industry provided that the two industries are allowed to operate on the same terms.

The Electricity Council, in evidence submitted to the House of Commons Energy Select Committee yesterday, said that its sole concern was that it was not put at a unfair advantage when gas moved into the private sector.

The council said it "does not object to benefits from improvements in efficiency by British Gas's successor company or any other public gas supplier being passed to the consumer."

The council's sole concern was that the electricity supply industry should not be put at an unfair competitive advantage.

The council has told the committee that the two industries should be allowed to buy their sources fuel on the same free market basis and that they should follow the same rules in setting tariffs and the same regulations on standing charges and connection fees and conditions.

In addition, the electricity industry has said that if the gas showrooms were allowed to sell non-gas appliances then its showrooms should also be allowed to sell gas appliances of goods and services.

The council says "in making an energy choice a customer has to invest in equipment which may have a life of 10 years or more, and hence the effect of even a short-term favouring of the gas position would have consequences well into the future."

## Record profits for Associated Paper

Associated Paper Industries, the papermaking to air conditioning group, yesterday announced record pretax profits for the year ended September 28. They were up 18.1 per cent to £4.6 million (£3.9 million).

Turnover was £54.2 million, up 15 per cent.

Earnings per share increased by almost 17 per cent to 20.1p. The company is recommending a final dividend of 4p an ordinary share, making a total for the year of 56p (5p).

Mr Charles Stevenson, the chairman, said yesterday that the acquisition of the New Jersey-based Dri-Print Folds last month would more than double the group's total sales of stamping foils and related products, making it probably the world's second biggest producer of stamping foils.

**In brief**

● **H. P. BULMER HOLDINGS:** For the half-year to October 25, with figures in £000, turnover was £4,480 (7,532), while the pretax profit was 6,972 (7,172). Earnings per share were 6.50p (10.87p). An interim dividend of 2.24p (2.24p) is being paid on March 3.

● **BRAITHWAITE GROUP:** For the half-year to September 30, turnover was £5,402,221 (£3,931,429), while the pretax loss was £15,515 (£217,976). Losses per share were 5.6p (7.9p). No interim dividend is being paid.

● **HAYLOCK EUROPE:** For the half-year to October 18, with figures in £000, turnover was 5,305 (4,173), while pretax profit was £22 (291). Earnings per share were 4.12p (2.63p). An interim dividend of 1.12p (0.7p) is being paid.

● **YELLOWHAMMER:** For the half-year to September 30, with figures in £000, turnover was 12,461 (9,403), while the pretax profit was 620 (332). Earnings per share were 3.5p (1.6p). An interim dividend of 0.6p (0.6p) is being paid on January 9.

● **NORTHAMBER:** For the half-year to October 31, with figures in £000, turnover was 9,244 (6,621), while the pretax profit was 829 (454). Earnings per share were 6.8p (3.4p).

● **BRITISH BUILDING AND ENGINEERING APPLIANCES:** For the half-year to September 30, with figures in £000, turnover was 1,776 (1,762), while the pretax profit was 32 (144). Earnings per share were 1.3p (6.5p). An interim dividend of 0.3p (1.5p) is being paid on April 9.

● **STAKIS:** For the year to September 29 with figures in £000, turnover was 143,021 (133,138), while the pretax profit was 13,279 (10,161). Earnings per share were 3.8p (2.2p). A final dividend of 0.8p (1.2p) is being paid on April 9.

● **WAGON INDUSTRIAL HOLDINGS:** For the half-year to September 30 with figures in £000, turnover was 39,354 (34,036), while the pretax profit was 2,358 (2,460). Earnings per share were 7.04p (5.83p). An interim dividend of 3.5p (3p) is being paid.

● **CHESHIRE WHOLE FOODS:** For the half-year to September 30, with figures in £000, turnover was 3,185 (2,133), while the pretax profit was 280 (61). Earnings per share were 3.79p (3.14p).

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## SHOW JUMPING

## Skelton: going it alone

Greig (left) defends the new philosophy, Bradman (right) disapproves and Border is at the centre of controversy

has been likened by one eminent sports journalist to a family at war. But Greig offers one consolation: "As surely as England will go through a losing period again, it is a stone cold certainty that Australia will emerge as winners and sooner rather than later."

**MEN:** Group A: Hasimoto Ara (India) 15-10, 16-10  
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Group D: S Yu (Aust) 15-10, 15-11 Group E: S Yu (Aust)  
(China) 16 M Sidek (Malaysia) 15-5, 15-18  
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(Den) 15-10, 15-11 J Lee (Chn) 15-10, 15-11  
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C Zheng Yui (China) 15 G Gowars (Eng.) 11-5  
11-11 Group D: Han Huping (China) 15 K Jiang

because of the high water. Next year may be different. What we want now is a return of the big springers to rivers which have hardly seen any of them for years.

According to a scientific study of the relationship between the temperature and salmon runs (J.H.A. Martin, Marine Laboratory, Aberdeen, and K.A. Mitchell-Philoxy), lower sea temperatures increase the number of returning prize adult salmon, but also reduce the number of young fish. This confirms earlier findings by A.F. George.

In other words we are unlikely to get many big salmon, particularly big springers, until the sea-Arctic and Arctic seas warm up again. However, if the sea warms up, then, as happens, we shall have to be sure they are not all taken before they get back home.

**RUGBY LEAGUE**  
FIRST DIVISION: Widnes v York (7.30).  
**BASKETBALL**  
NATIONAL CUP: (Women) Quarter-final  
Nottingham Wildcats v Plymouth Kingdon (7.30).  
BRITISH MASTERS: Rhondie v Birmingham  
Blazers (8.0).  
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TENNIS: Maureen Connolly Tournament, GB

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Dated this 28th day of November 1986.

M. J. LONDON,  
Liquidator.







**Edited by Peter Dear  
and Bob Williams**

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(1912), compiled and read by Margaret Wolff.  
Mozart, Symphony No 40 (K 550) played by the BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra.  
Poetry 85: Prize winners in the national poetry competition.  
Music in Our Time: Luciano Berio conducts the London Sinfonietta in Requies; Corale, Folk Songs; Voci, (Carlo Chiappare, violin; Aldo Bernici, viola). Concert given this evening at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, London.  
For Poets: Concerts for organ and piano (Simon Lindley, organ and Keith Swallow, piano) (11.15-12.00 News).

## Radio

**Radio 2**

on the hour.  
10.00 Colin Berry.† 6.00 Ray Moore.†  
10.30 Ken Bruce.† 10.30 Jimmy Young.†  
11.00 David Jacobs.† 2.00 Gloria  
11.30 Ford. As part of Radio 2's birthday  
12.00 to Frank Sinatra, Gloria  
12.30 honours his daughter Nancy.† 3.30  
1.00 all the Way.† 4.00 David

ton. 8.00 John Dunn. 8.00 Wally  
on introduces Country Club,  
ring George Jones and Lacey J.  
n in concert. 9.55 Sports Desk.  
Another Digence Indulgence.  
s and humour from the East-End  
ard Digence, with guests Terry  
son and The Kipper Family. 10.30  
Sound Extra. Roy Picard reviews  
film books. 11.00 Brian Matthew  
presents Round Midnight (from  
ight). 1.00am B&B Rannells presents  
ide. 3.00-4.00 A Little Night  
at.

**Radio 1**  
 7.30am Adrian John. 7.30 Mike Read.  
 8.30am Simon Bates. 12.30pm Newsbeat  
 (Parkinson). 12.45 Gary Davies. 3.00  
 pm Wright. 5.30 Newsbeat (Ian  
 Pearson). 5.45 Bruno Brookes. 7.30  
 pm Long. 10.00-12.00 Andy  
 Shaw. 1.15 VHF Radios 1 and 2. 4.00pm  
 Radio 2. 10.00pm As Radio 1. 12.00  
 am As Radio 2.

**WORLD SERVICE**

Newsdesk, 7.00 News, 7.10 Twenty-Four  
7.30 Sing Gospel, 7.45 Network UK  
News, 8.05 Reflections, 8.15 Country  
8.30 John Peel, 9.00 News, 9.05 Review  
British Press, 9.15 The World Today,  
Financial News, 9.40 Look Ahead, 9.45  
Chr. 10.00 News, 10.07 Hubert Gregg  
members, 10.30 Frank Mur Gae Into...  
News, 11.09 News About Britain, 11.15  
depts., 11.25 A Letter from England, 12.00  
Newsdesk, 12.15 Top Twenty, 12.45  
Roundup, 1.00 News, 1.08 Twenty-Four  
1.30 Network UK, 1.45 Brotherhood of  
2.00 Outlook, 2.45 The Best of Folk,  
Radio Newsdesk 3.15 The Pleasure's  
4.00 News, 4.09 Commentary, 4.15

ment. 4.45 The World Today. 5.00  
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an. 6.00 News. 6.09 Twenty-Four Hours.  
A Jolly Good Show. 10.00 News. 10.09  
World Today. 10.25 A Letter From  
and. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40  
Options. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00  
11.09 Commemory. 11.15 Merchant  
Programme. 11.30 Nature Notebook.  
The Farming World. 12.00 News. 12.09  
About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel.  
Music Now. 1.00 News. 1.01 Outlook.  
Brotherhood of Brass. 1.45 Book Choice.  
In the Mountains. 2.00 News. 2.09 Review  
a British Press. 2.15 Development '85.  
Beethoven and the Violin. 3.00 News. 3.09

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10.50 Fireball XL5. 11.15 Foo  
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1.30 Bodyline. 1.35-2.30 Love  
2.30 Candid Camera. 3.30-4.00  
Prime Special. 5.15-5.45  
Bustlers. 6.00-6.35 News and  
Weekend Today. 7.00-7.30 Mr Smith.  
Falcon Crest. 8.00-8.30 Benny Hill.  
10 Crime Desk. 10.35 Snooker. 12.15

**CANADA** As London except:  
 9.25am Guinness Book  
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 Home Street. 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.25  
 Entry Practice. 3.00 That's  
 word. 3.25 News. 3.30-4.00 Young  
 5-15.5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00  
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 7.00 Grenada Reports. 8.50  
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# GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

December 12, 1985

**W**e have heard a great deal about the importance of training or re-skilling the workforce to revitalize British industry, but little about the training needs of managers. They are, after all, being confronted with the same dramatic changes to their working environments. Take, for example, the trend towards profit centre management. Suddenly executives across a wide range of business functions have to learn not only a new way of thinking, but also how to apply complex techniques such as spreadsheet modelling and revenue-profit analysis - skills that punchy cost-centre managers have never faced before.

Even more critical, in my view, is the impact of change in office technology. Some might think that the problems of Acorn, Sinclair and Control Data have signalled a let-up in the march of the business personal computer. In fact, we have yet to see its full impact. By 1988 three times as many PCs are expected to be installed in British firms as were installed in 1984.

Indeed, the rapid development of micro-mainframe links, which allow the desk-top PC to work with information drawn directly from corporate data banks, has consolidated the position of the micro, and given it a strategic as well as a tactical importance.

I would go so far as to say that you can forget about even thinking of applying for the top jobs in this appointments supplement if you are not experienced with - and prepared to use - information technology.

So how are executives to rise to the challenge of new technology and new management techniques and get the training they need?

We have to decide first of all whose job it is to organize this training. In Britain we fall between Japanese and American extremes. In Japan the large company ethos of lifetime employment creates an environment in which training can clearly be seen as an investment that will have sufficient time to pay off. In the United States the "hire and fire" practice ensures that the individual manager keeps not only on his toes but also up to date.

**Managers must take the initiative to train themselves, partly in their own time, to use office technology, says Don Yeates**



In Britain we enjoy the worst of both worlds where the "golden handcuffs" of rigid pension schemes restrict mobility, and everyone blames the other fellow - but never himself.

Inadequate or non-existent training produces poor performance - in France companies are taxed if they do not train. In West Germany the individual professional institutions insist on continuing education.

However, rather than waiting for "them" to organize training for you why don't you do something

yourself? It is no good relying on your employers to provide formal management training. Training budgets and training departments have been hard hit by the recession. Also, the trimmer management teams of today's "tight ships" mean companies simply cannot afford to release key executives for time-consuming - and expensive - away courses.

organized self-training. The resources are provided by the company and the training takes place partly in your own time and partly in company time.

Self-study - or "open learning" as it is so often called - is a proven technique in technical training. Now, however, management schools such as Ashridge and Henley, have developed similar material for executives covering the key topics of finance for financial managers, cash flow management, introductory microcomputing and so on.

Technology-based training media using computer-based training (CBT) and interactive video disc, for example, can also play a role. Again, a wealth of material has been developed for training technicians. For example, the recently launched Actioncode product covers the whole range of electrical, electronics and robotics technologies.

Equivalent material for management is now also being produced and some interactive video courses have recently appeared on sales management, communication skills and the use of financial and business planning packages.

But self-study or self-skilling is more than a highly efficient way of training. It is also a good management partnership. Companies invest in the resources of training - their executives invest in time and commitment.

**C**hanging attitudes, so that self-skilling becomes an accepted part of an executive's life, will not happen overnight. It is part of a wider acceptance - on an individual as well as a corporate level - of the importance of achieving goals, delivering quality and providing an efficient service.

It fits within an environment where managers have clearly defined objectives and performance criteria that show whether achievements have been reached.

The reward for self-skilling does not come from being trained - it comes from delivering better performance and the career enhancement that follows.

Some impetus is needed to start this process - perhaps the recognition by employers that self-

skilling is important and the consequent commitment by managers and professional staff to devote a minimum of say, eight hours a month to it, or risk their promotion prospects.

If British firms are to succeed in today's fast-moving trading environment, priority has to be given to exploiting advantages quickly and efficiently. Organizations have to adapt to change far faster than before, and this means an adaptive and constantly improving management.

Training is one way to enable people to adapt to change, and this applies as much to managers as it does to technical staff. By ensuring they are skilled in the "tools of their craft", executives are equipped to meet change head-on and take advantage of it.

Training, therefore, is not a one-off exercise - it has to be continuous. And self-skilling is the only practical way to do it.

Don Yeates is education director of the Thorn EMI Datacube information technology company

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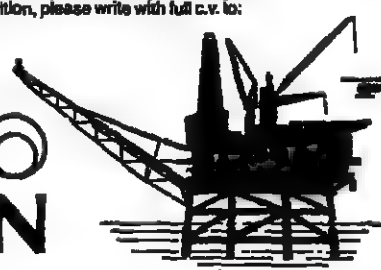
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# FINANCIAL & ACCOUNTING APPOINTMENTS

Trade 01-278 9161/5

## Accountants - a new job in the New Year!

With our range of contacts and years of recruitment expertise, Personnel Resources can help you make the right career move within the Accountancy profession. We have established an excellent reputation with firms of all sizes and are currently handling vacancies from Graduate trainees to Partner/Directorate level.

## Audit Manager to £20,000

An expanding 6 partner firm who are part of a large training consortium are keen to meet an ambitious Chartered or Certified Accountant to manage one of their audit teams. Fully computerised, the practice have excellent technical standards and a wide range of City-orientated clients. There are definite partnership prospects. Based in London ECA.

## Tax Seniors to £15,000

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## PE2 Finalists to £11,000

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For further details about these or vacancies at other levels please call ELIZABETH BARBER, Associate Director, on 01-242 6321 or write to her at the address below quoting ref E8216T.

**Personnel Resources**

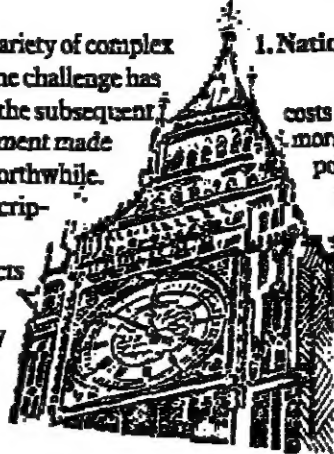
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Graham Shore has an M.A. in Economics, Philosophy and Politics. He is 29 years of age and held a range of economic advisory appointments in various government departments before joining the management consultancy practice of Touche Ross in 1984.

Over the past 12 months his career has changed direction with an undoubted problem solving flair being successfully

employed on a variety of complex assignments. The challenge has been severe but the subsequent sense of achievement made each moment worthwhile.

A brief description of some of Graham's projects during his first year with us may help you decide if you would be interested in joining us.

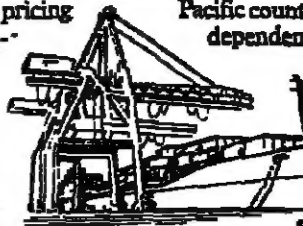


### 1. Nationalised industry

A strategic view of costs was needed to develop more sophisticated pricing policies. Methodology study produced and discussed with the Chairman and Board. Methodology applied to produce cost estimates.

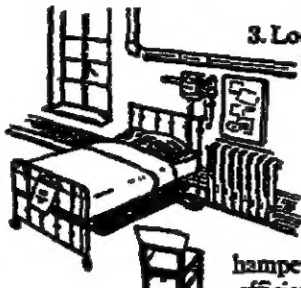
### 2. South Pacific shipping

A study to overview the strategic transport problems of 20 South Pacific countries, all totally dependent upon shipping but separated by thousands of miles. Prepared analysis of common shipping problems, identifying strengths and weaknesses. Proposals formulated to improve services and efficiency.



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GRAHAM SHORE



### 3. Local health authority

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### 4. Video editing

A venture capital fund required viability study of video editing facilities. Produced market analysis and researched start up proposals.



### 5. Timber purchasing

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## Accountancy and Financial appointments in the South East

Our firm specialises in selective recruitment in the South East and we are currently handling on an exclusive basis a number of specific accountancy and financial appointments some of which are detailed below. We would like to hear from people who are interested in such career opportunities in the South East.

**FINANCIAL CONTROLLER** c.£18,000 + car  
Successful manufacturing company. Reports to Managing Director. Candidates must be qualified ACA/ACCA or ICMA. Age range probably 28-40.

**FINANCIAL ANALYST** c.£15,000  
To maintain and develop financial information systems involving monthly reporting, budget-orientation and project investigation. Qualified (or final) or relevant degree/MA in financial discipline. Age range 25-35.

**FINANCIAL ACCOUNTANT** c.£12,000  
Ideally trained towards qualification experience in financial accounts essential. Steady moving to computerisation.

Brief but comprehensive career details for New Appointments Group, Personnel & Selection Consultants, 5 Park Road, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 1DR. Telephone (0796) 75431.

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## Gabriel Duffy Consultancy

### TAX ADVISER

The rapid expansion of UK operations of this international financial organisation has resulted in the need for an additional taxation specialist to assist in developing the tax function. The position will involve the provision of advice relating to financial services and will include product development, investment and variety of other financial transactions. Applicants should be qualified accountants or hold a taxation qualification. Please contact Fran Friedman on (01) 623 3195 (day) or (01) 360 7902 (evenings & weekends).

### ASPIRING FINANCIAL MANAGERS

A major UK company, the most multinational of all businesses in its sector, seeks to recruit high calibre graduate accountants, aged 24-29, for various head office and operational roles. The organisation has a sophisticated career development programme which exposes accountants to all areas of the business, leading to early financial management responsibility and ultimately to general management. Contact Dan Leslie on (01) 623 3195 (day) or (01) 354 3229 (evenings and weekends).

### ACCOUNTANT

Rapidly expanding City firm of commodity brokers seek to recruit a young chartered accountant to be responsible for all monthly and statutory accounts within the group. The successful applicant will have previous experience of commodities accounting and a sound knowledge of computerised systems. Prospects are excellent, in line with the organisation's planned expansion. For further details please contact Darrell Smith on (01) 623 3195 (day) or (01) 444 3558 (evenings and weekends).

**Gabriel Duffy Consultancy** 17 St. Swithins Lane, Cannon Street, London, EC4N 8AL.

## BADENOCH & CLARK

### CORPORATE TAX SPECIALIST

c.£30,000

On behalf of our client, a highly respected international association of Chartered Accountants, we are seeking an outstanding Corporate Tax Specialist with expertise in the field of international taxation.

It is envisaged that the selected individual would spend a considerable amount of time travelling and liaising with the firm's international associates in order to acquire knowledge and stimulate business.

Applications are welcomed from high calibre Chartered Accountants or Solicitors with good interpersonal skills and relevant experience gained from another large practice. The selected individual will also have the drive and ambition to achieve partner status in the medium term. Excellent financial rewards.

Please contact **Timothy Barrage** or **Rachel Caine**.

### UNDERSTAND COMPUTERS? CONSULTANCY

To £20,000 + Car

Computer knowledge is a valuable asset, especially when coupled with a sound accountancy training. Our client, a major firm of accountants, recognises this fact and would be interested in talking to you.

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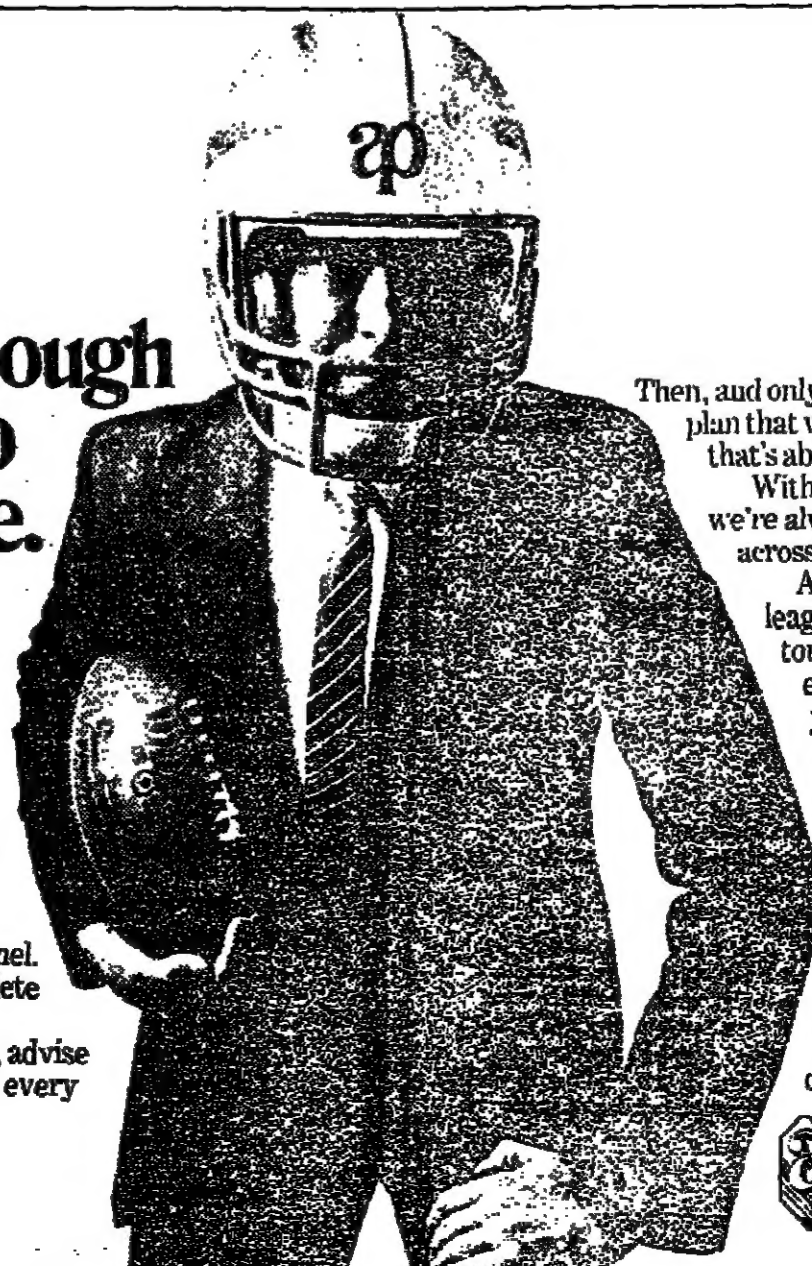
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A guide to career development

# Alternative way of learning

For many people unable to study on a full time basis, correspondence courses are the only viable way of obtaining educational or vocational qualifications, and several professional examinations are so designed that students may complete them through correspondence education.

Courses do appear to give exceptional value for money: costs are low in comparison with full-time fees and colleges often offer a "pass or money back" guarantee. Such generous gestures are made possible by the numbers of students who enrol, particularly for GCE courses, but fail to complete them, never entering for the exam. Their fees then subsidise those who claim a refund.

Surprisingly, perhaps, these are not great in number. Most people who complete courses report satisfaction with the tuition and do pass.

But the dropout rate is high. As every adult education organizer knows, evening class enrolments are made each autumn in a flush of enthusiasm. By Christmas numbers have dropped.

So it is with correspondence education. Anyone seriously considering a correspondence course needs to be aware of the time and commitment required. Hours of study after a day's work make demands on both student and family.

## Flush of enthusiasm in the autumn

It can also be a lonely way of studying. Not everyone can cope without the stimulus of fellow students and personal contact with tutors.

If you are reading this because the idea of correspondence study appeals to you and are reasonably sure of your commitment you will want to know how to find a good college. Standards of tuition do vary and the market value of some diplomas is suspect.

Time spent in investigating the claims of different colleges before parting with hard earned cash will pay off. This is particularly important in the case of courses purporting to lead to a professional qualification.

There are many advertisements in the national press. I replied recently to a selection of these and received, by return, brochures promising me training in careers ranging from chiropody to interior design and photography to nursery teaching.

Some employed a harder sell than the others: a school of authorship

## Beryl Dixon looks at the advantages of correspondence education and the disadvantages

addressed me as "Dear Writer," and offered to turn me into a novelist; (I was informed that I could proceed independently).

Ten days later came a second letter offering a discount for immediate enrolment.

In the case of apparently career directed courses it might be worth checking with the professional association concerned. But even that has its pitfalls. The British Institute of Professional Photography does not recognize the course in photography I inquired about and sent me a list of approved courses, all full time and all in state colleges, (some with highly competitive entry).

But does it matter whether one's course is approved or not? After all, we all know of famous photographers without any kind of qualification.

Further inquiries of the correspondence school revealed that many ex-students are running their own studios. A correspondence qualification in child care would not be recognized by the Nursery Nursing Examining Board, the board awarding a diploma which is a prerequisite for employment in state day nurseries.

But a family might employ as a nanny someone with this background. It really boils down to where you want to be able to work and whether you need skills or skills plus a recognized diploma from a correspondence school will be acceptable. The deciding factor is usually whether you wish to work in the public or private sector.

It is, for example, possible to train as a Montessori teacher by correspondence but Montessori teachers are not employed in state nurseries or infant schools.

They are employed in private nurseries worldwide and the brochure from the London Montessori Centre - one of two offering a course by correspondence - does state that the qualification gained is for "Montessori teaching appointments".

One of the fiercest professional controversies rages in chiropody, with only state-registered chiropodists

trained on three-year, full-time courses allowed to practise in the health service. There is a long-established private college offering correspondence tuition supplemented by practical training providing chiropodists for the private sector, and regarded state registered chiropodists as over trained.

The school's booklet takes great pains to point out that it does not train for registration and is "not interested whatsoever in institutional employment".

If you do receive a prospectus that glosses over employment prospects and does not state clearly any limitations on the acceptability of its qualifications, then do not hesitate to ask. If it offers courses in an area for which a qualification is not strictly necessary, it should be able to provide information on the whereabouts and earning power of former students.

Most schools will gladly do so as they have a reputation to maintain and often rely on personal recommendation to attract students. Or they may offer a substantial guarantee. A London-based writing school, for example, offers to refund fees in full if students do not sell manuscripts within a given period (rejection slips required as proof).

If you approach a college approved by the Council for the Accreditation of Correspondence Colleges you have

## Council's role is to set standards

no problem. This is an independent body - although established with the co-operation of the Department of Education and Science which provides two inspectors to attend council meetings.

The council's role is to set standards for correspondence education, to inspect colleges and, if stringent criteria regarding advertising, course material, assessment and tutorial staff are met - to award accreditation.

No college may be accredited until it has been in existence for two years and all must be re-accredited every five years.

Furthermore, they need to notify in writing any changes in policy or courses. Should any problem arise between student and college the council will arbitrate.

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